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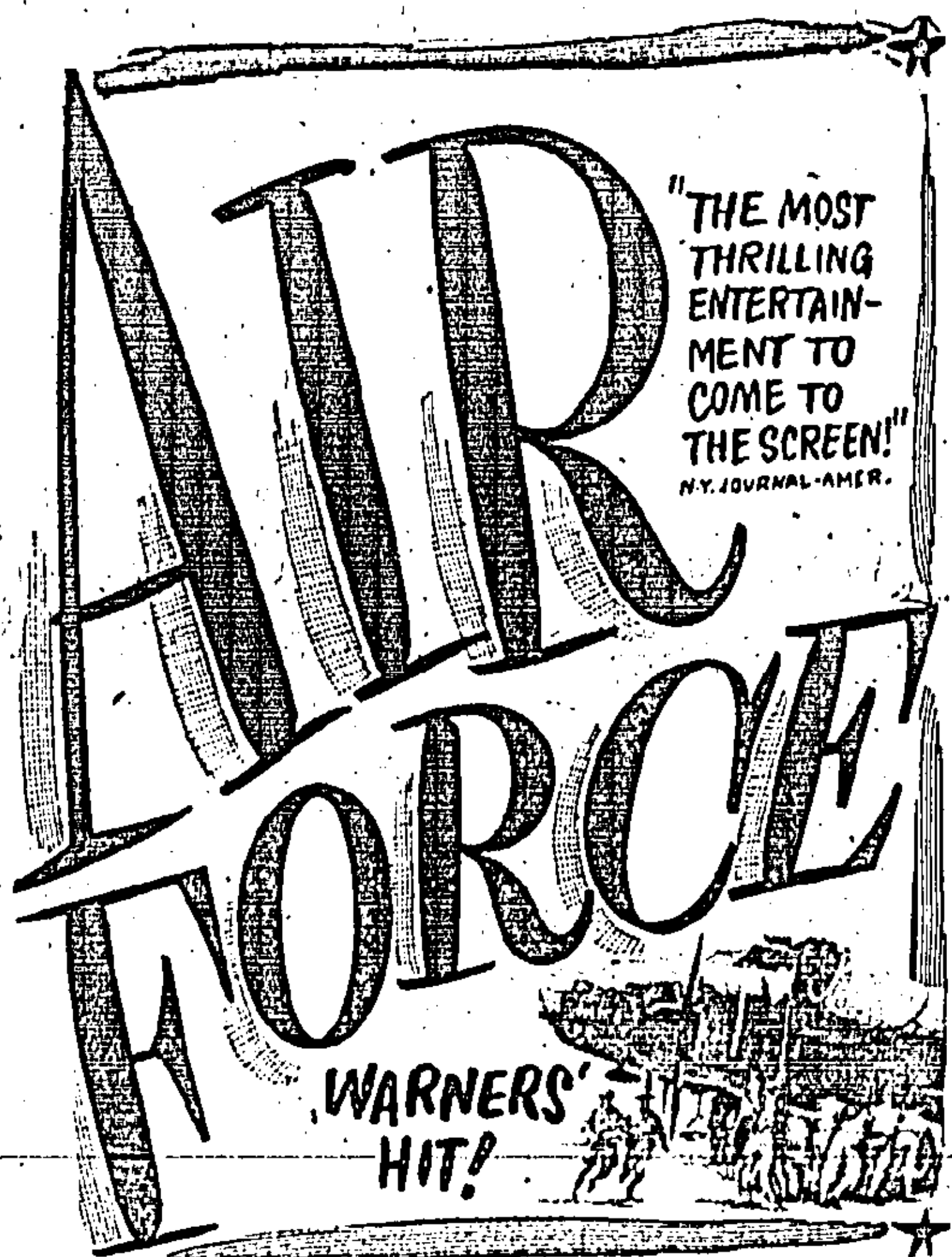
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## LEISURE IS JUST A WORD TO DEBORAH KERR

DEBORAH Kerr, the British screen star who travelled 4,000 miles to appear in an American film with Clark Gable, has been in Hollywood only two months but she says she is already looking forward to a rest.

After a typical morning spent working with Gable before the cameras, Miss Kerr took lunch standing up, while a wardrobe attendant fitted a new gown.

"Never in my life," she declared, "did I think things would happen so fast."

Miss Kerr went to the United States to test for the role opposite Gable in the movie version of "The Hucksters," a best-selling novel about the advertising business. Two weeks after she landed in New York she was in Hollywood, competing with five other aspirants for the part. She not only won it but also a seven-year contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

"I was nervous during that test, as you can imagine," she said, "but I noticed that Mr Gable was just as nervous, and I felt better."

The actress had never met Gable, although he and her husband, Tony Barley, became friends while Gable was stationed in England during the war.

Director Jack Conway and producer Arthur Hornblow claim they knew Deborah was perfect for the part before she completed her test. "The minute she stepped before the camera we were certain," Conway asserted. "She had such poise and self-assurance. It was a pleasure to watch her in the scene."

Immediately thereafter leisure became a word Miss Kerr seldom used. Hairdress tests, wardrobe fittings, interviews, portrait sittings and a myriad other preliminaries have engulfed her. She says she is excited and happy with all this business of being an important star in another land, but she is also anticipating the respite which will come only when the picture is completed—weeks away.

Miss Deborah Kerr is one of a number who are arriving in Hollywood these days with an auspicious record in the cinema already established. Her film career began in 1939, after many disappointments. Lunching with a friend in London one day, she was seen from another table by Gabriel Pascal, the pro-

### spotlight

By ERNEST BETTS

Abbott and Costello, Hollywood's biggest money-makers, are to visit England in the summer, and will play in a London theatre for four weeks.

Jack Buchanan, who dutifully turned over his American delinquent holdings in 1939, has discovered in New York that he was not cleaned out. His account with the Guaranty Trust Company stands at \$5.

Annette Mills, "Booms-a-Daisy" composer, launched a new dance, "Hop Scotch," at the Lyceum. Scottish fling with hops but—no bumps.

Claudette Colbert plans to give up acting in three years' time and turn to producing.

The electricity cuts have affected the studios, and the hold-up in production has cost plenty of money. Gainsborough Studios had to stop work on "Good Time Girl" and "When the Bough Breaks." Denham and Pinewood were both able to film from their own generators, but at Walton-on-Thames studios, they had to bring in fair-ground generators.

Beatrice Lillie, one of Britain's top favourites, along the Great White Way, has been talked into doing a new musical comedy in London this year.

Metropolitan tenor Lauritz Melchior says he will not sing opera in Boston because the local board of opera directors would not allow German opera during the war. "Art has nothing to do with politics," he says.

No pictures scheduled, but when Bing Crosby makes a July and August tour of Europe he will use English talent to help him make gramophone records. Bob Hope will be in Britain about the same time, and they will get together to make at least one record.

Olsen and Johnson, whose mad antics drew almost £20,000 for the first week in a New York night club, got as their share just under £5,000—a record in their 34 years as partners.

ducer-director. He was so impressed that he presented himself. "Let me hear you recite the Lord's Prayer," Pascal requested. She managed it, and Pascal engaged her to portray the Salvation Army girl in his film version of Shaw's play, "Major Barbara." Since then she has appeared in some nine English films, of which "Love on the Dole," "The Life of Colonel Blimp" and "Vacation from Marriage" made her known to American audiences.

Now, strangely enough, both Miss Kerr and Pascal are in Hollywood. She and her husband, the son of Sir Charles and Lady Bartley, are living quietly in a rented house in Laurel Canyon, a section of the famous Hollywood Hills. Life is full and busy. But there may be a twinge of wistfulness in the tone with which she says: "I had always heard that time is something Americans don't waste. Now I know, first hand, how true that is."—Associated Press.

### 34 YEARS IN PICTURES



Harry Carey, whom you see here (centre) with John Ridgely and Arthur Kennedy in "Air Force," now showing at the Alhambra Theatre, plays his 367th part in pictures in this film. Scene shows a tense moment just before the dropping of the bombs.

### CINEMA GUIDE

SHOWING TODAY

QUEEN'S—Dolly Sisters.  
KING'S—The Magic Bow.  
ALHAMBRA—Air Force.

NEXT CHANGE

QUEEN'S—Days of Glory.  
KING'S—Ziegfeld Follies of 1946.  
ALHAMBRA—South of Tahiti.

### GLAMOUR GIRLS

"The Dolly Sisters," 20th Century-Fox's sparkling new Technicolour musical starring Betty Grable, John Payne and June Haver, and based on the story of the two top glamour girls of a generation ago whose lives and loves were the talk of the world, is showing at the Queen's.

In the gay story of the fabulous sisters who set a world aflame with their song and dance, and broke a million hearts, Betty Grable is seen in the role of Jenny Dolly, with June Haver as her equally talented sister, Rosie. John Payne, in his first screen appearance since being honourably discharged from the Army Air Force, is seen in the role of a young song-and-dance man whose romantic link with Jenny constantly threatens to break up the sensational sister team.

The story opens in 1904 with the Dolly Sisters' arrival in New York from Hungary as children who dance for their supper in a little restaurant in Manhattan's East Side, and goes on through the dazzling era when the daring sisters enthralled American and the European continent with their musical and romantic exploits.

### SONGBIRD



Pretty Kathryn Grayson is one of the many stars appearing in "Ziegfeld Follies of 1946," coming to the King's. Others include Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, Red Skelton, Esther Williams and William Powell.

### 21 YEARS AGO IN PICTURES

Ruth Rowland has come out of retirement to star in First National's "The Masked Woman." The Duncan Sisters say that they are going to produce a screen version of "Topsy and Eva." William Farnum is driving a flashy new Stutz roadster. Mary Astor says that John Barrymore is "the greatest lover on the screen to-day." Having been one of Mr Barrymore's many leading ladies in Warner Bros. highly touted "Don Juan," she should know. Gloria Swanson will portray John d'Arc in United Artists' "Battalion of Death." Pola Negri and Rudolph Valentino are planning to wed, come winter, at the actress's beautiful estate in France.

Ben Turpin is married again! Bride is the former Babette Elizabeth Dietz. She is his third. Irene Rich has signed a contract with Warner Bros. Her first picture will be "My Official Wife." She will co-star with Mr. Conway Torgie.

Fox is dickering with that great actor, David Warfield, to make his initial screen appearance in "The Music Master." Jack Holt has been set as lending man opposite Pola Negri in "Hotel Imperial."

The unbelievable has occurred: Tom Mix fell from his favourite steed, Tony, the other day and was badly shaken up. Lon Chaney has signed a contract with Louis B. Mayer.

### Ida Lupino Faces The Future

By Bob Thomas

If this were a soap opera, it would be called "Ida Lupino Faces The Future," because the gal has more plans than an architect's convention.

First of all, Ida is another of the secessionists from Warners. She is rounding out her last year at the Burbank lot. Her reasons for leaving include selection or roles, but of course the main reason is that folding stuff.

"I want to be able to retire in five years," she claimed. "And I can't do it on my salary." She pointed out that a contract player can't salt away much these days. The solution, which many are seeking, is the free-lance ticket.

Her present plans call for a film in England with Rex Harrison. Then she would partner with Benedict Boggs and make a picture with him.

As to Ida's other ideas, "I want to buy a boat." "I want a boat so I can write on it." And she is no hunt-and-peck doodler, either. She has already sold several stories for good money. And when, in five years, she reaches the ripe age of 33, has amassed a comfortable bank account and a yacht, and has time to write, what then, Ida?

The once-married gal smiled knowingly, and murmured: "A man, of course."—Associated Press.

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## WOMANSENSE

## BEAUTY QUIZ

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Here's a Beauty Quiz from me to you. Do you select colours that flatter your Face and your Figure? Do you ever think before you buy necessities—Will they go with the clothes that I have? Are they suitable for what I do, where I go?

Do you buy a hat just because it's pretty? Do you stop to consider the way that you wear your hair, the type of clothes that you will wear with it? Do you select a hat to "frame" your face?

Do you keep your gloves clean or do you say, "Oh, it doesn't matter," and go on wearing gloves that need cleaning and with the fingers in need of repair?

Do you forget to put on your powder base and go out looking "blochy" and shiny?

"Do you forget to wear the necessities that make you look well groomed, such as a string of pearls, a bracelet, a clip?"

Do you comb your hair in public? Are you always late for your appointments?

Do you really look into your mirror when you are putting on your make-up?

Do you apply your lipstick carefully, placing a tissue between the lips to remove excess lipstick? Think over these questions.

Your Quiz to Me

What perfume best suits a Blonde?—Light flower fragrances. What shade of eyeshadow is most becoming to a brown-eyed girl?—Green eyeshadow gives depth to Brown eyes.

Must eyeshadow be matched to the colour of one's eyes?—No, it is more "eye appealing" to match it to the colour of your dress or to an

accessory. Example—Purple eyeshadow is lovely when a bunch of violets is worn at the throat. Green gloves can be cleverly accented by Green eyeshadow.

## Teen-agers!

## Mother won't mind this make-up

by Jill Morrison

WHEN father or mother say to their 14-year-old daughter, "Take that 'muck' off your face"—it may be a bit harsh on make-up, but up to a point, they're right.

There's something about cosmetics on the very young skin that makes the wearer look precocious rather than attractive. The early teens are probably the only time in a girl's whole life when she can be independent of any help in this respect—and still look her best.

And when mother says "muck," she's probably remembering how difficult it was, only the day before, to persuade her teen-ager to wash! As I do, she shudders to think what her girl might be doing to her skin—piling stuff on it before she's really learned how to take dirt off. But this doesn't mean that teen-agers shouldn't be interested in their

looks at all. Far from it. This is the time when they should be preparing the foundations of their future good appearance.

It's the time to see that your teeth are white, your hair gleaming, your skin clear, nails well kept and your body graceful.

Your tools for the job? Simply toothbrush, hairbrush, nailbrush. Cosmetics?—A good shampoo, toothpaste, soap and water—all used with enthusiasm.

For the rest, fresh air, plenty of sound sleep and exercise.

A simple hair style, depending on the shine of your hair for its effect, is best for you. Tapered, it will be easily kept tidy. Neatness generally is a good habit you should develop.

ABOVE all, cultivate the habit of washing your face and neck EVERY NIGHT before bedtime.

Don't get a complex about the shine on your nose. On a healthy skin it's attractive. So much so, in fact, that there's a craze in America at present, among older women even, for "buffing" the face after make-up has been applied, to achieve this youthful effect of shine.

Only when it's excessive and due to greasiness need you bother, and in that case powder won't help. It may even cause blackheads and open pores if used carelessly. It is much better to cure the greasy condition.

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## The Royal tour evening gowns



Evening gowns in the royal wardrobe for South Africa are elaborately embroidered and jewelled. These sketches by Batterby show:

Left: Princess Elizabeth's Hartnell evening dress, reminiscent of the Stuart period. In soft lime green silk tulle, full sleeves are set low on an off-the-shoulder neckline. Antique gold motifs are sewn at intervals over the entire dress—gold stars and flowers, and sprays of tiny gold leaves and beads.

Centre: Worn over an authentic white silk-covered crinoline frame is one of the Queen's beautiful crinoline gowns.

Made of thick white slipper satin, the wide low neckline and huge skirt is crusted with gold and glitter.

Right: One of the prettiest frocks in Princess Margaret's selection of tulle evening dresses. Of crisp white tulle, it is embroidered with delicate opalescent flowers in pink, pale blue and silver.

## New York Spring Silhouette

By DOROTHY ROE

"Hussy" styles, daring but discreet, are the news of Jo Copeland's spring fashion collection, shown for members of the visiting fashion press, in New York for the semi-annual style showings.

Miss Copeland, famous for her sleek cocktail suits and dressy afternoon styles, goes in for feminine allure in a big way this season. Gowns which are skin tight through the torso, and adroitly draped to accent hipline and bustline curves.

Drapery, berthes, puffed peplums, hip swathing and cascading ruffles are all employed by the untitled Miss Copeland to dramatise the female form divine. She accents the long torso line prevalent throughout all collections, uses her drapery or flounces placed low on the skirt, and sometimes adds a provocative slit.

Anne Miller shows "white collar girl" styles such as a black and white shepherd's check suit with a green silk blouse, a white collar and black tie. A black silk faille suit has a "dictionary print" blouse and lapels, showing French phrases and their translation.

The collection also features a midday top silhouette, and balloon sleeves on a shantung suit with cocoa bolero-and-black skirt.

Clare Potter, one of the winners of last year's American fashion critics' award, greets the return of Irish linen with pure joy, and shows a series of summer spectator sport and evening dresses in this glamour fabric.

Her hand-painted cottons are again featured in her collection, in outfits for daytime, playtime and evening, all colourful, original and sexy.

A highlight of her "At Home" outfits is a pink blouse with puffed peplum, worn with black tulle pants. She likes country clothes, being a member of the landed gentry herself, and shows the kind of casual, colourful country dinner dresses that all women love. These often have drawstring necks and waistlines, and are done in splashy hand-painted cottons, which can be laundered with the family wash and still come up smiling.—Associated Press.

## Say It With Flowers

— BY QUIZ —



WHEN God put flowers into the world He gave mankind one of the loveliest gifts of all—a gift that is renewed each year with the seasons, as the flowers bloom to delight us with their beauty.

When violets and primroses peep from the hedgerows, and delicate wood anemones hide their fragile beauty in the woods, when blue-

bells spread in a heavenly carpet around the grey green and silver boles of birch and beech trees; and later, when wild roses festoon the hedges and give a bridal air to summer, it is a poor heart that does not beat in thankfulness at this ever-repeated miracle.

Perhaps that is why a gift of flowers has a beauty all its own. From the willing pay offered from the hot hand of a little child to the rare blooms an admirer sends to his lady, a bouquet retains this magic quality, suggesting a delicate compliment of love and regard.

FLOWERS give beauty to the happy moments of life and soften the sad. Their perfumes delight our senses. Their names are poetry—love-in-the-mist, columbine, lily-of-the-valley, rosemary, to mention a few; while for picturesque description, bachelor's button, bird's eye, snapdragon give the quaint quality of a midsummer night's dream.

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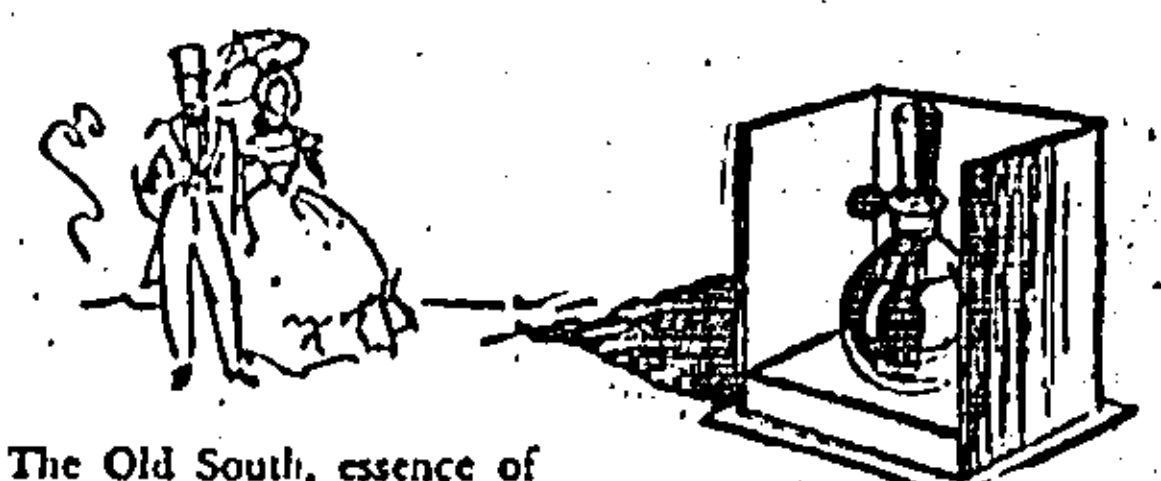
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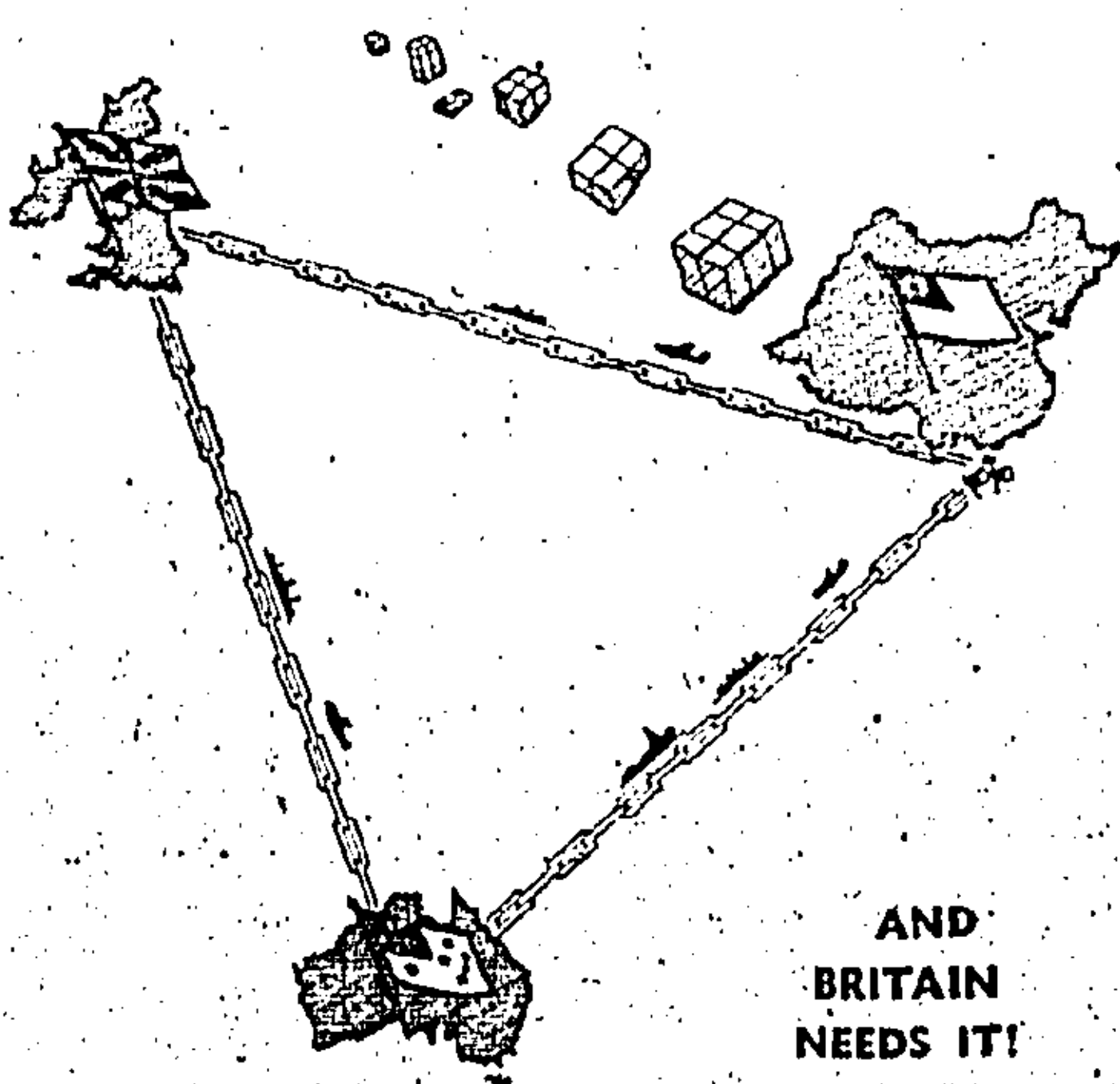
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"KEEP Death Off The Roads" is one of the slogans which the Traffic Department may well adopt and have painted prominently along Hongkong's thoroughfares to impress all road users of the present high accident rate and to warn them, whether drivers of vehicles or pedestrians, to exercise proper care and caution.

The necessity for better handling of vehicles by drivers and a greater degree of road sense on the part of pedestrians is admitted by police authorities and responsible citizens generally who have observed with alarm the rise during recent months in the number of road accidents, many of them causing loss of life.

### BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"MAKE your excuses," says an article, "courteously, and flatter a little."

For example, Napoleon, Napoleon's Minister, was late for an appointment at the time of Erfurt, when all the kings were hurrying to kiss the Emperor's hand. He said, "My apologies, sir, for being late, but I ran into a mob of kings, and could hardly push my way through."

And talking of Napoleon, a young officer, dazzled by the Emperor's prestige saw the guard turn out for a German King, and rebuked a small drummer-boy thus: "Gently, gently! It's only a king."

Suet lashes out at inefficiency

CHARLIE SUET is calling for a corps of Food Leader Advisers, to advise Food Leaders how to explain to the public what they are supposed to do if they want to do something they can't do. Sitting in his room at the headquarters of the Society for General Purposes, Suet said: "We have now arrived at a stage in things when whatever can be suggested in any way should be considered for suggestion by any means. It is not always easy to make people understand what is being explained to them about other matters. Therefore I think there is a lot to be done in one way or another both in advice and explanation for whatever may be needed in various things."

### Clearing it up

IN answer to a question Mr. Wallhouse said: "In the matter of creating a satellite town, naturally the inhabitants are not consulted. That would be too much like democracy." Mr. Chudde was heard to say: "The Minister is a beast." At that point Mr. Wyllow intervened to say that he was sure they all thought that whatever it was was what was wanted. (Government cheers.) Mr. Colt: And Clara? A Minister: Clara who? Mr. Colt: I was referring to the Communications League of Associated Restrictive Awards. Mrs. Vobbe: Some dirty cheese importer, I suppose. A Minister: The Hon. Member has no right to assume any such thing. (Opposition cries of "What about steel?") Mr. Calgrove: I shall raise the matter again. Mr. Zazari: Got out of Europe. The House then adjourned.

### Ho, I say, look 'ere!

He spends all day stooping above cots in a special tank, to study them. (Morning paper.) He is head over cots in love with his job "commented a bystander. "Heels, heels!" corrected a passing member of the Board of Education.

### Tail-piece

A new optimism is in the air. (Morning paper.) It consists in telling a tired woman who is advancing inch by inch along a fish queue that she will soon be able to travel faster than sound.

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Compared with prewar, these figures are astonishingly high. It means that every day in the Colony about five or six persons are involved in road accidents, and there is one fatality every other day from such accidents.

An analysis of accident reports shows the main causes are careless driving, speeding, obstruction of roads and jaywalking. There are many drivers who, although able to handle a vehicle, well enough to pass the required test, are inexperienced and possess little or no road sense.

One other frequent cause of accidents is the failure of car drivers to make clear and definite signals, the absence of which is a marked feature at the present time. Many unnecessary accidents have also been caused by people jumping off moving trams and buses in order to try and reduce this type of accident, the police intend to prosecute all such offenders, even if they have suffered injuries.

The last full-scale safety campaign carried out by the police was in 1939. Last year, the Military Administration undertook a comprehensive campaign by the means of press notices, posters and public address talks. That achieved some result for a time, but its good effects soon wore off and the number of accidents again increased.

POLICE figures show that the accident rate has risen steadily in the past year. In March 1946, the total number of accidents recorded was 145. In September last year, the number had risen to 204. The total in February 1947 was 295.

In January and February this year, nearly 250 summonses were taken out in Hongkong and Kowloon. Of these, over 50 were for driving without due care and caution, over 100 for speeding, about 30 for disobeying traffic signals, over 10 for failing to report an accident and over 10 for driving without lights.

There were in the Colony at the end of February 3,693 motor vehicles of all types licensed by the civil authorities. Other types of

vehicles using the roads and licensed included 853 rickshaws (it is known that there are also a large number unlicensed) and 844 tricycles. The number of licensed rickshaws is about the same as before the war, but the tricycles are an innovation. The authorities are not intending to abolish tricycles, but it is learned that the number may be reduced.

among other things, they are engaged in census taking at different points to determine congestion and other relevant matters; speeding up the installation and repair of traffic lights and signs, and painting the kerbs at crossroads, pedestrian crossings and traffic islands. The painting of the new islands recently completed in Kowloon has been done, and similar work will shortly commence for the whole Colony. In addition, consideration is being given to the matter of controlled areas, and it is indicated that further safety measures for congested areas may soon be instituted. The police are also organising a widespread safety campaign which will be held soon.

UNTIL recently, the Traffic Branch was much understaffed, but more personnel, particularly supervising officers, have recently become available, and the present strength is about 80. These include European and local inspectors and point duty police. More officers are now being put on road patrol. There are three radio cars in use, but this number is to be increased.

The traffic authorities are doing everything possible to make the roads safe, and in this connection,

all these measures are being taken with a view to "Keep Death Off the Roads," but it is up to drivers and other road users to co-operate to the fullest extent to ensure the utmost safety for everybody.

## Vets Told: 'Keep Your Uniforms'

Veterans of World War II are cautioned by retired U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Holland M. Smith not to throw their uniforms away.

The veteran of 43 years in the Marines, commenting on world affairs, said he advised "during them off," adding that the United States was "sitting on the edge of a volcano to-day."

"Europe from Finland to the Adriatic is an armed camp. Paraguay is in revolt. The French are having no little trouble in Indo-China. India is seething—and here our isolationists are mounting the middle again," he said.

Smith said instead of a country tired of fighting, careful reading of what goes on at the peace conference discloses "we are faced with active, implacable enemy of a former ally which commands power as great as that of our own country."—United Press.

## SPITFIRES

### START EASILY AT 40 BELOW

The British Navy Air Arm and RAF have had more success than the Americans with cold weather aviation tests being conducted in Alberta at sub-zero weather, according to New York reports.

British airplanes are operating daily in biting cold at Nanaimo, collaborating with Canadian Arctic experts who have been studying cold weather flying problems for the last five years.

The Problem Most difficult problem of Arctic regions has been rapid engine starting. The Americans up to date have been forced to pre-heat their airplane engines before starting, and this often takes from 10 to 45 minutes.

As a result, it has not been necessary for the British to bother with heating anything except the battery.

When the engine starts the fuel tank containing naphtha is turned off, and usual high octane petrol turned on. Spitfires start at 40 below under this process, and Lincoln bombers and Royal Navy Fireflies start at 55 below.

Weekly papers were temporarily suspended in Britain because of the fuel shortage. It prompted these lines from the Editor of "Punch."

## THE GAMBLE

by E. V. KNOX

IT is difficult not to show a trace of pique when a man breaks the windows of one's house and pulls up all the flowers in one's garden.

It is hard to escape a sense of mild annoyance when he murders one's relations and knocks one down and tramples on one's hat.

I doubt, therefore, whether Mr. Shinwell has made many new friends in Fleet-street, by suppressing weekly papers, for the continuity of any paper is very dear to the childish minds of an editorial staff, especially when the paper has been running for more than a hundred years.

THERE used to be a kind of story in vogue about a certain politician (shall I say 20 years ago?) which ran somewhat as follows: "I was walking along a country road the other day when I happened to see a man lying face-downwards in a muddy ditch. I turned him over first to make quite certain he wasn't—and then I pulled him out and put him on his feet again."

A small spirit lamp, a packet of tea, and a few tins of what we have come to regard as food should preserve the life and happiness of a large part of the population until we have staggered on to what we have come to regard as spring. Why shovel away the snow from the front door? It will melt by itself if you give it time. It is no more permanent than the policy of a Government.

I have seen a suggestion that the Cabinet should have insisted on cutting down power gradually instead of announcing that industry was in a fine way, and—in the case of the weekly periodicals—allowing them large extra supplies of paper. But that is to take far too narrow a view of Ministerial responsibility; we are a nation of gamblers, and doubtless the Cabinet, sitting up its weekly pool forms, was always hoping that one day one of its members would strike the winning solution. I incline to think, in the charity of my heart, that with luck Mr. Shinwell might easily have been the happy victor in the Great Policy Pool.

NEVERTHELESS, at a time like this, we must consider the country's essential needs, and I should not dare to say that the reading of weekly periodicals was one of them.

The task of the Press as a whole (they tell me) is to present news and comment. If a paper does not present news, and more especially if it mingles its comment with satire and entertainment, it is I suppose, a kind of luxury.

And no doubt the majority of weekly papers whether serious or frivolous are read by the fireside. When the fire is always dying out, or disappearing with a pop, one should escape to the warmth of the cinema, or go to bed and to sleep.

There is a great deal to be said for the latter course, which would enable us to abolish the Hollywood film and the BBC, and I wonder that this Government has not tried to make it more popular. It is far the easiest way, to "stagger" the hours of work, and if you throw three million people out of their jobs in Arctic weather, the conservation of heat obtained by not getting up in the morning is enormous.

IT could surely be made illegal for more than so many people to waste warmth by leaving their beds on any given day, and officials could be sent round from house to house, to make certain that the new Order in Council had not been disobeyed. The defendant was certainly not snoring when I entered his bedroom, and appeared to be in the position of actually pushing off his back down.

NOT very long ago I made a statement (a little in advance of the truth) that the Government intended to nationalise jokes.

There is a great difference of opinion in the country about these things. Some like them and some don't. Some like them of one kind some of another. But I imagine that when they had all been codified and expurgated and analysed, and compiled Punch, despite its faults, would have been taken over as part of the industry, and issued with the proper directions and the necessary forms. But in suggesting that we might be controlled, I did not anticipate that we should disappear.

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## THE ARMY OF THE JUNGLE HOLE.....Final Instalment

## FAREWELL TO SHANGRI-LA

by TOM HARRISSON

A final instalment of Tom Harrison's story of war against the Japanese in the Borneo jungle.

UNTIL you've tried to walk from Brunel Bay to our hole in the jungle head-quarters at Baico, you just wouldn't believe there could be so many mountains arranged parallel to each other and at right-angles to our line of march.

Our show was made considerably worse by a native custom. When a hill tribe dies, there is first of all a big party and feast a week later to celebrate his departure. For the next year, his family will be busy collecting rice, cattle, and gifts to have a much bigger party.

The guests may run into a couple of thousand.

## The climax

THE drinking of rice wine may last a week. The climax of the binge is that everyone climbs one of the local peaks and cuts a clearing or ride for 20 or 30 yards along the top of it.

This is the door for the man's spirit to proceed to the after-life. The bigger the party, the more the guests feel obliged to make a bigger door on a bigger and better peak.

And it is common form for the ordinary jungle tracks afterwards to cross the range. So, a nice flat bit of track doesn't interest a hillman.

And these claps are so long in the leg and powerful in the thigh, they can carry 600s, or more up the steepest mountain without worrying.

I got pretty used to it myself, and ended up by making two doors for my friends squadron-Leader Graham Packleish, DFC, RAAF, and Major Ben Ellis, British paratrooper with over 100 jumps, both of whom were lost when the plane which dropped our original party in March was shot down by the Japs a few minutes later on its way home.

After about 50 miles, the few highest and previously unclimbed mountains in Central Borneo for these two doors. That made even my native friends think twice!

## Suicide rate

THE short-legged Japs, who had to carry all their own kit, took terrible punishment on the mountains. You are doing very well here if you can march five miles a day. After about 50 miles the odd Jap began to commit suicide. After 100, the suicide rate was roughly one a day.

Of course, we helped them to feel that way, ably assisted by the leeches, the rain and a few special tricks. In most places in Borneo the leeches are a menace. They get worse as you go in. If you are in good shape, the loss of blood doesn't matter much.

When you begin to weaken it makes a difference. Borneo rain is nobody's business. Up in the interior it falls over 200 inches a year, and all the year round.

It generally comes on about three o'clock in the afternoon. If you are wise you start marching at first daylight and start building your jungle-leaf shelters for camp by 2.30. (We never used tents or any other unnecessary equipment.)

## 'Creeper' bridges

SUDDENLY unaccountably, every stream and river on your track would be in raging flood. These floods can make progress impossible. We, always had secret caches of food, and often knew special ways round difficult ridges or fords.

Better than that, the hill people are wizards at bridge building. Working with a very tough sort of vine or creeper, they can quickly sling a suspension bridge from one river bank to another.

The crossing is not recommended for those who get nervous when they hear the word Dakota.

But it's a lot better than fording a flood or crossing a crocodile. Everyone in the interior was on our side. So, as most of the areas the Japs had to cross were unmaped, they usually ended up having no idea where they were.

Months they were trying to make for places 100 or 200 miles away where they believed there were Jap garrisons intact.

To make sure they never got there, we obliged them by making phony tracks.

Long before the column approached, a game of hide-and-seek would start from a village and cut an entirely new track slightly in the wrong direction, going off into the worst possible country for three or four days, ending nowhere.

Other tracks out of the village would be confused and obscured. Anyway, it's very difficult to find your way out of a village if you don't know, because there are scores of buffalo and wood-gathering trails in all directions.

And there's no such thing as a main road in the interior. All tracks are the same—winding, and often with a lot of obstacles to be provided. A team of natives can tell a 200ft. jungle tree in a few minutes.

It will probably take the best part of an hour to cut a way round. And if you're really clever, you can tell one big tree on a slope and it will start a landslide.

## Bamboo traps

TRAPPERS are also ingenious. Trappers favour the use of the camouflaged pit with bamboo spikes. In fact, the use of tiny, dagger-sharp bamboos of common. Whole

patches of ground on a track and both sides of it are sown with these needles of pain. Nothing shows, but the pressure of the foot drives the spike into the instep.

Of course, we evacuated the whole population and all food supplies ahead of every Jap column.

So, the further they got in, the less food they had. And they had not the native knowledge to live off the jungle.

Nevertheless, I must pay my tribute to their amazing endurance and stamina.

One column of 600 carried on for more than four months, making an average of only two miles a day, and losing a man a mile, and at the end of it 40 were still in fighting condition.

We made it easy for any column in their first stretch away from the coast. It was better to let them get lost.

## Our own airfield

ON the other hand, we didn't want them to get very far in case they started interfering with our own supply lines, radio network, or the wonderfully rich and fertile valleys of the Shangri-la uplands, where an army could live at ease for ever. And by now we had our own private airfield.

We had never imagined when we dropped in that an airfield would be a possibility.

But soon after we got in we heard news of a number of American aviators shot down in the interior.

We collected 11 and the question was: What to do with the chaps? They were in a shocking state, with malaria, sores, dysentery and nerves. As it was impossible to walk them out, the only thing was to fly them out. So I decided to build an airfield.

I had one man to spare for the job—Australian Private Griffiths—a wonderful chap.

The native labour supply was unlimited, but no one had the slightest idea of how to set about it.

With a little frantic radio signalling I got a Yank Catalina to drop some buckets and guides. Unfortunately, the barefoot natives refused to use the spades. They cleared the area with fire and sticks, hands, home-made hoes, and their feet.

## FOUR RACES IN RIVALRY

## BACKGROUND TO SOUTH AFRICA

by Peter Stursberg

A SOUTH AFRICAN humorist once described the Orange Free State as having more land and less scenery than any other part of the world.

Of course, he was pulling his countrymen's collective leg, and the King and Queen, will see from their train window wild mountains and rivers and lush, tropical verdure and pleasant farmlands as well as the barren veldt.

But they will be struck by the large, empty spaces, as they must have been when they travelled across the country.

Its half-million square miles are four times the size of Great Britain, and the distance between its two most important cities, Capetown and Johannesburg, is a thousand miles, while the "Union Express" train does in just under 30 hours.

A relief map of South Africa has been likened to a dinner-plate turned face down. The hinterland is a great plateau rising to 6,000 feet above sea-level and making Johannesburg one of the highest cities in the world. (It is also one of the youngest, as it is only sixty years old.)

## RICH GOLD LAND

THE Royal Family arrived at the end of the summer, for the seasons are in reverse down there, and found the weather fairly warm although not too hot.

The soft climate—it seldom goes below fifty degrees in the winter in most parts of the Union—matures people young.

The war has affected the economy of South Africa as it has done that of many other countries. Factories have sprung up on the veldt, and manufacturing now takes first place in the national income, although gold mining still ranks high.

The Dominion produces a third of the world's gold, about £100,000,000 a year, but it does not get this wealth easily.

Although very great, the gold deposits are low grade and quite often more than five tons of ore have to be mined and crushed and

The men did the shovelling and flattening, the women carried away the rock. As usual, it rained every day, and our embryo airfield soon turned into duckpond.

The combined Australian initiative of Griffiths and bull-dog stupidity of Harrison determined to place on top of the rich mud a runway of bamboo.

## In seven days

HUNDREDS of natives cut down the biggest bamboos, which were sliced into strips.

The bamboo was so elastic and strong that it never really sank into the mud.

In seven days we had a strip ready. So two gallant Aussie pilots of an Australian flight, led by Flight-Lieutenant Chenev, of Sydney, made the hazardous journey over unmaped and unbroken country. They got in all right.

He and I decided to try the first experimental take-off.

After tearing through a number of rice fields and leaping a 15ft. bank, we learned the hard way that the runway wasn't long enough. There had been an error in decoding the radio signal telling us the minimum length. Twenty-four hours later we had laid another 70 yards of bamboo.

Now, with a shuttle service to Labuan, we flew out the Yanks. And we were able to go down and consult with the regular army people, or even go out for the night for a party.

It made a big psychological difference.

One R.A.A.F. type, 6ft. 3ins. Flight-Lieutenant Paul Bartram, an Englishman from Oxford, took charge of the airfield and Shangri-la headquarters.

The place began to become a perfect tourist resort, with brassards coming up for a week-end of the cool mountain air and the strong rice wine.

The fertile valleys teemed with cattle, buffalo, pigs, goats, fowls, fruit and vegetables. The natives grew excellent tobacco and themselves were generous and hospitable.

By the time the war ended in August we were ready to go home, or to sit in Shangri-la. Unfortunately, some Japs thought differently.

In particular, one large column refused to surrender. After a month they ran out of salt. Then they heard that there was some salt away in the uplands. So they started making for our airfield.

## In their rear

BY this time I was around in their rear, with Major Rex Blow, an Australian who had escaped from a Jap P.O.W. camp in North Borneo, became a much decorated mercenary leader in the Philippines, and now came along with me for the fun of it, the war being otherwise over.

Paul Bartram commanded the forces from the Shangri-la end. The Australian paratroop officers had all gone home. Paul knew nothing about soldiering.

I sometimes think, after what I've seen in Borneo, that the less you know about it the better.

As that as it may, when the moment came Paul stopped the Japs absolutely dead with some of the nicest, if most chaotic, pieces of military tactics I have seen or heard of.

What was left of this Jap column finally gave up on October 31, 1945, exactly four miles from the airfield. During the war no Jap had been able to get within 50 miles. It took the peace to really shake us up in our Shangri-la.

The war was strictly over now. There were 350 sick Japs on our hands, about as far from civilisation or the nearest military policeman as anyone could be; there was plenty of work left in the interior.

As I had been the first person to drop in, I thought I might as well be the last person to come out.

## Brave and true

SO, from November 1945 to July 1946 I remained in the lonely and beautiful mountains evacuating Japs, disarming guerrillas and clearing up the mess.

Perhaps I didn't appreciate how lucky I was. At least not until I hit the coast and the first newspaper hit me.

Up there, we had never heard of UNO or Ernie Bevin, we innocently thought that after the war there would be peace in Europe as in Borneo.

Now I can look back and think of the way those people risked everything to fight for the white man against the Jap.

I hope the British and Dutch Governments will never forget that in Borneo, as in Burma, it was the hill tribes, the so-called "backwards" and uncivilised peoples, who proved the truest and the bravest citizens.

## "CANDIDUS" ON WORLD POLITICS

## Momentous Policy Decisions

DURING the last month, the stage of international politics has revealed fast-moving scenes which have given food for profound thought for most of us. In spite of the earlier promises of the power of the United Nations in settling international disputes without again resorting to war, it has become all too patent that the very term "United" is a misnomer; and it is equally clear that Russia is largely to blame.

The strong and dramatic lead taken by America leaves no room for doubt as to which nation is responsible for the discord which exists in the Council of UNO, and the chain of American announcements and actions, taken in chronological order in so short a space of time, is surely enlightening.

EARLY in the month, MacArthur advocated "a quick and early peace with Japan," and although "economic stability" is as good a reason as any other one rather suspect of sudden urgency.

About the same time, the United States rejected Russia's plan for the control of atomic energy, but announced its intention of spending \$400,000,000 in the further development of such energy for 1947/8. Shortly afterwards, an American senator asked: "Can America afford to give Russia the opportunity to extend its influence into Greece and Turkey and gain control of the Dardanelles?"

The belief that the senator was "inspired" is confirmed by the momentous announcement made by President Truman which quickly followed, appealing to Congress to assist Greece and Turkey to the extent of \$400,000,000. Said the President: "The peoples of a number of countries of the world have recently and totalitarian regimes forced upon them against their will." A very good reason, presumably, for the United States going over the United Nations Organisation, and indicating in no uncertain manner its lack of faith in UNO and its determination to check the spread of an individualistic doctrine which has already caused trouble in almost every corner of the world.

IN reporting Truman's speech, London commentators stated: "The gloves were off in Washington and Moscow today (March 12) when the most forthright pronouncements of the postwar of President Harry Truman and Mr Ernest Bevin challenged the Soviet Union on its relations in Eastern Europe and Germany."

Backing up her policy—and one cannot believe that it is bluff—America discussed the question of aid to Hungary and troops for Greece and equipment to Turkey. The British Parliament granted £19,000,000 to Greece (without taking a vote) in order to help keep that country's forces to maintain order. Against whom? Do not let us delude ourselves. Against Russia and Communism!

As recently as March 18, the U.S. Ambassadors to Greece and Turkey were recalled for consultations. Why?

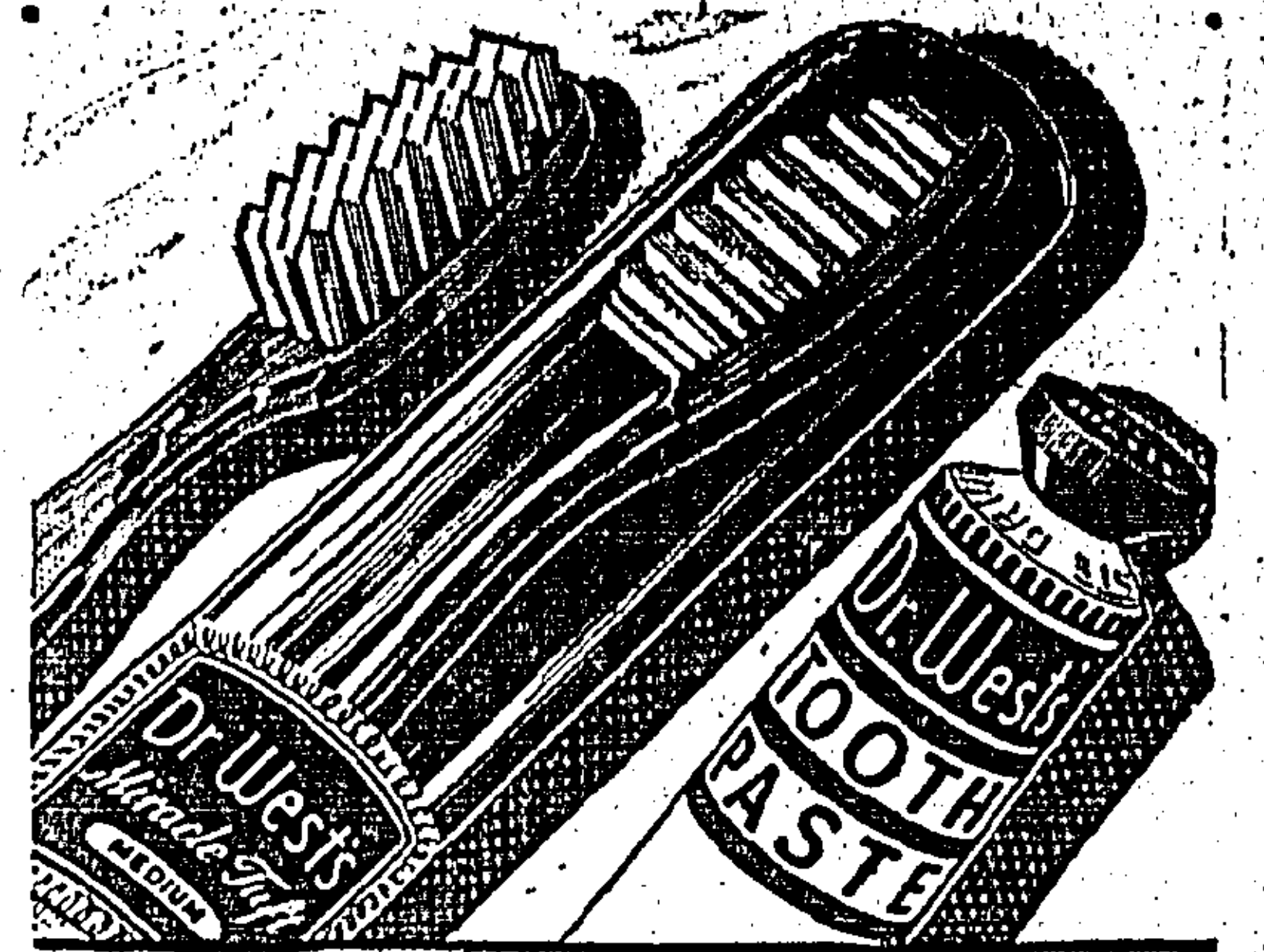
As the result of America's intervention, Turkish spokesmen told the United Press that "...the peace-loving Turkish nation, which is deeply attached to democratic ideals, is ready to defend its independence against aggression." Still later, and all within the framework of the American decision, the U.S. sent a task force to Greece and Turkish waters, including the strategic Dardanelles, while the State Department called for speed on the President's programme to halt the spread of Communism. In the Far East, \$600,000,000 have been voted for economic assistance in Korea by the U.S., and in connection with this, an American spokesman stated: "In Korea, as nowhere else in the world, the U.S. and the Soviet Union face each other directly."

SUCH is the review of recent events. The strength of purpose behind American policy, which obviously has British backing, cannot be ignored. It is realised that in Europe, Russia supports a strong Germany, and this fact in itself is surely significant.

Sifting the momentous facts which emerge from a close study of the present-day international situation, it is impossible to escape the view that America, at all costs, is determined to check the spread of the Communist doctrine. Her own great country has suffered enough from the infiltration of Communist agents, and she realises that the time has come to indicate in no uncertain terms that she is not going to allow her own precious conception of Liberty to be shattered by a doctrine diametrically opposed to her ideals and the ideals of every liberty-loving American.

Britain and America stand or fall together when it comes to the question of asserting once and for all the determination to champion the cause of Peace and Liberty. No nation has ever endeavoured by fair means or foul to foist its particular ideals upon Russia and it is now evident that thanks to the lead given by the United States, Russia will not be allowed to foist her own mode of mass control upon liberty-loving nations.

And so the scene change. The final act will reveal the future of international relations, and above all, decide whether freedom of nations and individuals shall be preserved.



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## Labour Government Safe For Many Months To Come

By LAWRENCE MEREDITH  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Britain's Labour Government is safe for at least 18 months from attack by the Conservative Party, which believes no crisis serious enough to overthrow its opponents will arise in that time, a consensus of Tory leadership shows.

Conservative leaders believe their first opportunity to overthrow Prime Minister Clement Attlee's government will come only when the results of the nationalisation of transport become evident. They believe this bill, now before the House of Commons, will cause a greater strangulation of industry than the present fuel and power crisis.

Conservatives in Parliament will make no 100 per cent attack against the Government for 18 months to two years, when they expect the nationalisation of transport to bring "chaotic result."

Conservatives are not prepared for a general election now and will not be for a year and a half to two years. Their machinery for a nation-wide campaign was allowed to get rusty when the Labourites piled up their heavy Commons majority 19 months ago. Furthermore, the Conservatives are not sure they have properly qualified men to form a Cabinet to take the country away from Socialism.

Feeling Against Churchill There is a growing split in the Conservative Party against the leadership of Winston Churchill, which was glossed over at the party convention at Blackpool last autumn but still exists.

This speculation is based on the opinion of some of the foremost Conservative leaders, and comes as the world's newspapers talk of the "trotting" Labour Government because of the economic crisis. It also comes at a time when the Conservative central office claims that result of municipal bye-elections last November showed that the Party had gained 1,000,000 votes from the Labourites over the previous city by-election.

Some Conservative leaders believe the Labourites may stay in office for many years. They said: "One widely known Tory said: 'Few people among the middle and upper classes realise what a complete social revolution the last election precipitated. The Labour Party has the bit of power in its teeth, and there is no Tory rein strong enough to dislodge it.'"

## Second Chance

During week-ends spent in England's "black country"—the area from Birmingham to Derby—it was evident that almost without exception workers in England's industrial heart were willing to give the Labour Government a "second chance," on the theory that "the country really belongs to us now."

The rift among Conservatives is growing in the belief among younger members that Churchill is not offering effective opposition in Parliament. They ridicule his "punch pulling" attack on the Government during the fuel debate, and there is a sub-rosa talk of a "deal" not to hit hard as long as the Labour Party forgoes the nationalisation of iron and steel.

Young Conservatives complain that Churchill, as the party leader, still relies on 19th Century "in and out" politics in which, like a cricket match, each party after its turn in power concedes the other an innings.

Out-Planning The Planners Many of them—including Anthony Eden, according to reports—believe the only way the Conservatives can return to power is by "out-planning" the planners of Socialism by a plan which would assist private ownership in eliminating the present "economic waste."

For the past few months a number of widely known younger Conservatives have been meeting with Liberals and Independents. One such group, known as the "Augustans," has branches throughout Britain. Another is headed by Capt. Peter Thorneycroft and two leading Liberals, Lady Juliet Rhyll-Williams and David Goldblatt. These two groups have merged, with Thorneycroft, Goldblatt and Lady Rhyll-Williams as vice-presidents of the newly-constituted Augustans.







## How Much Do You Know?

(Answers on Page 10)

1. Name the author of the poem, "La Belle Dame Sans Merci."
2. Where and what is the Levant?
3. For what is Molokai, one of the Hawaiian islands, widely known?
4. Just what is UNESCO?
5. In which climate do people tend to live longer—in the tropics or in temperate and moderately cold climates?
6. Name the last person to have the title of Prince of Wales.
7. What is a hetch?
8. Locate Lido (not that at Repulse Bay, but in the Mediterranean).
9. What was the nationality of Rembrandt, the artist.
10. Name the six platinum metals.
11. Who were probably the first to use "gas" for lighting?
12. In what country did wall paper originate?

## Scotland Yard Hunt For Master Minds

Scotland Yard has planned and will now launch an all-out drive to net the unknown master minds behind the fur and gem gangs and the dog track racketeers. Detectives have been helped by "trade" experts in devising this scheme to get beyond the underlings to the leaders of the two rings.

An investigator who has spent 14 months trying to get prima facie evidence against three London dealers suspected of having organised the highly-skilled, well financed fur and gem ring said:

"Not one of the leaders has yet been in danger of arrest. But we now hope to get somewhere."

A London assessor said: "In no case has there been any 'squealing' which would give us a guide to the real identity of the top men."

"Behind the thieves is a brilliantly-conceived self-contained unit for breaking down jewels and re-modelling furs."

Behind that unit are two "master fences" who dispose of the property to Continental and South American buyers.

They are believed to be "respectable" London dealers. They in turn are answerable to the man who

controls the entire outfit—and I am told his name is known in City finance circles.

## BIG MONEY BACKING

Backed by big money—much of it from the fat wads of black market operators who want to "invest"—carefully organised gangs are fast monopolising all the markets which run greyhound racing.

Intimidation, particularly at the smaller tracks, is the gangs' chief weapon. Complaints from book-makers show that "protection money" is the main source of revenue, but "fixed" betting coups—sometimes aided by dog doping—are practised by the more powerful.

Mr Percy Worth, chief of the special security police formed by the track managements, has been carrying out a series of investigations in co-operation with his old colleagues at Scotland Yard.

Many of the people investigators would like to know have no police records. Some are deserters from the Services.

## BRITAIN TACKLES THE LONG-TERM COAL PROBLEM

By Dr George Gretton

ONE day, atomic energy may drive trains and ships; heat water and otherwise free mankind from drudgery. But the immediate vast work of construction which faces our generation depends on more traditional forms of energy.

In Britain, as in other highly developed industrial countries, the decisive factor is coal. So, the greatest urgency attaches to the raising of production in the mines—not only simply by a sudden transient spurt in output, but by a long-term programme to provide all the necessary coal over a period of many years.

There is no lack of coal in Britain as far ahead as we are likely to need coal. Actually, Britain has fuller scientific information on her coal reserves than any other country. For the last 30 years a research organisation known as the National Coal Survey has been systematically examining coal reserves in Britain, the physical and chemical properties of the coal in the ground and the character of the coal produced. This National Coal Survey has already published more than 50 reports containing precise, factual information about Britain's coal, mined and unmined.

## 20,000,000,000 Tons

Last summer, it published a closely calculated estimate of the more readily available reserves of coal in Britain. The estimate—a very conservative one—showed that these amounted to about 20,000,000,000 tons. That is to say, at the rate of production scheduled for 1947, we could go on mining coal for 100 years without any danger of the reserves falling. This figure refers not to total estimated reserves, but to the more readily available reserves, which are probably no more than half of the total. Assuming an increase of production of about 250,000,000 tons a year, there would still be no need to worry about coal resources petering out for at least 80 years. That is as far ahead as anyone needs to look.

At the same time, however, research is not being neglected: the distinguished geologist, J. K. Allen, has just been appointed Director of Planning (Geology) by the National Coal Board.

The problem as far as Britain is concerned is not the coal itself, but how to get it mined in sufficient quantities. This is partly a question of equipment and organisation, and

the new coal plan, under the nationalisation scheme, provides for drastic re-equipment of the mines which was delayed through the war. But the primary problem is a human one. The labour force in the mines is too small, and its average age too high to meet the demands made on it under present conditions.

## 1947 Target

The target for 1947 is 200,000,000 tons, and the miners have pledged themselves to reach it. But, at least until the mechanisation project has gone a good deal further, this involves a considerable strain on the present mining labour force. And in any case, it is insufficient to meet the full demands of Britain's industry in the present period of intensive reconstruction. So we come back to the human problem.

We need more miners, and we need to encourage the existing labour force to work intensively. One way of doing it would be by force—by conscripting men into the mines. Such a policy would certainly not work in Britain. Although the miners with their families represent no more than five percent of the population, any attempt to conscript them on totalitarian lines would meet with condemnation and open resistance from the huge majority of the British people.

## Better Conditions

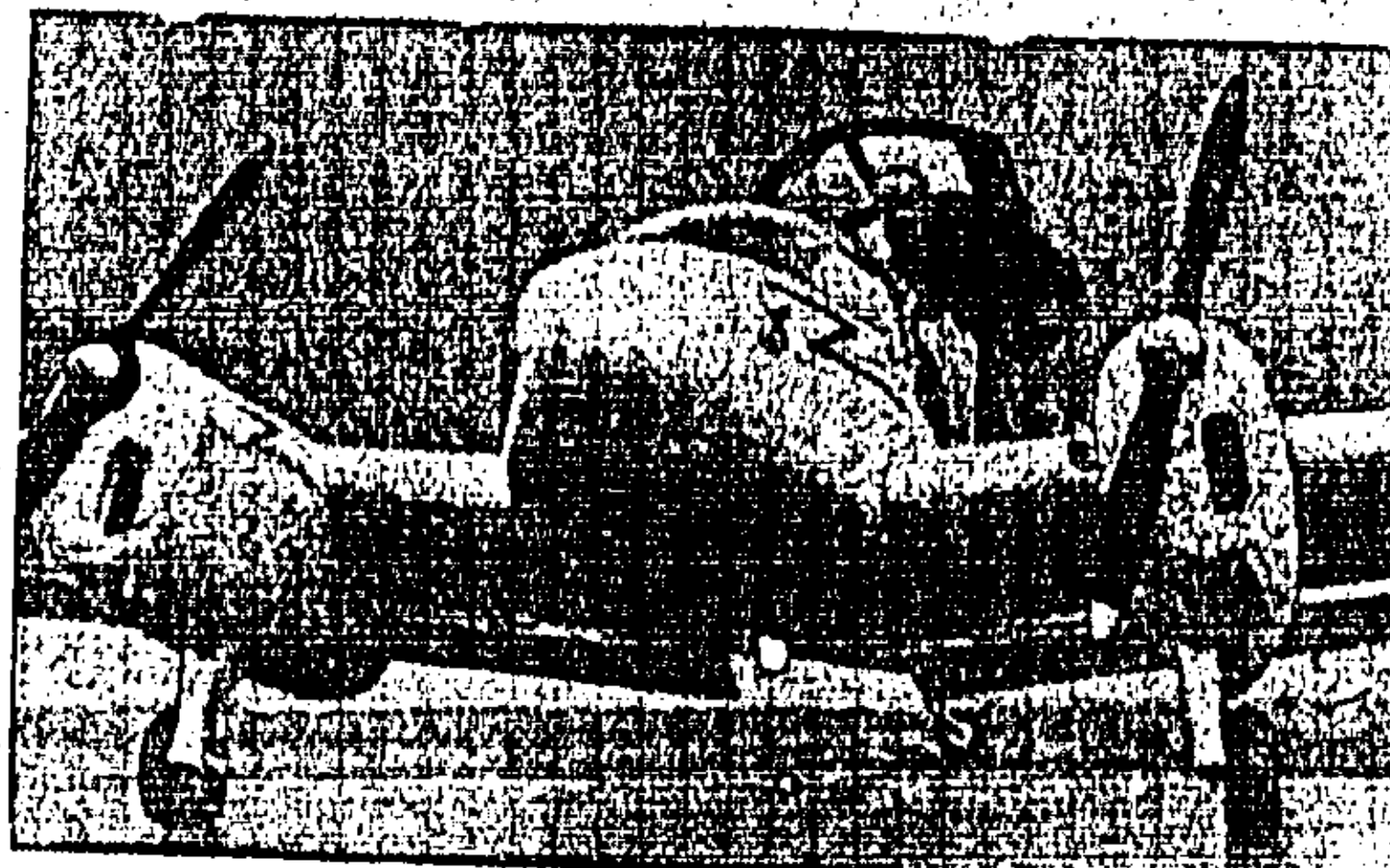
WHAT is being done is by British standards at least—the only practicable course. The miners have long complained, with justice, that their conditions of work are unsatisfactory in view of the exacting and important nature of their occupation. It is not that their wages are low, but they lack many of the amenities of civilised life. Mining communities tend to be isolated. Their housing conditions date from an age when the social well-being of workers was considered far less than today. Long up-to-date mines do not as yet provide amenities such as pithead baths, which are utterly essential, by contemporary British standards, for

men working all day amidst coal dust. Although great progress has been made in recent years in combating industrial diseases to which miners are exposed, many pits are still not equipped with the means of preventing silicosis.

The decision has now been made to give full priority to miners' equipment and housing, and amenities are being provided with all speed. Priority is also being given to providing certain consumer goods which have previously been lacking in the mining areas. This will not only give the miner parity with the more fortunate classes of industrial workers, it will give him the preferential treatment to which it is felt his arduous work entitles him. At the same time, the five-day week is to be introduced, and the miners have guaranteed that this will not involve any fall in output.

The British miner's terms of employment have therefore become among the best of their kind in the world. This approach to the human side of the coal problem embodies the new British social policy to which the Prime Minister, Mr Attlee, referred recently when he said: "The plan must be run on lines which accord with our democratic plans and ideas." Because of this, I think it will succeed.

## NEW ATTEMPT ON EVEREST



A solo flight—the first since the war to Australia—started when Group Captain A. F. Banditt left Lympne in a Miles Gemini aircraft for Wondal, a small place near Brisbane. He expected to make the journey of 13,000 miles in 13 days. Group Captain Banditt, who is attached to the Miles aircraft factory at Reading, is on 65 days' leave, and is spending it flying to his own country. He is not attempting to break any records and will make frequent stops. When in India, he hopes to be able to obtain permission for a Mount Everest Expedition. Group Captain Banditt will organise the expedition with Captain Ross, a 22-year-old doctor in the R.A.M.C., and the British party will be the best equipped expedition ever organised for attempt on Mount Everest. This picture shows Group Captain Banditt with his plane before leaving on the first stage of his flight.

## 'ALL MY EYE, BOYS' SAYS PROF. JOAD

PROF. C. E. M. JOAD—"I made a complete mess of my own career"—talked about jobs and money to the boys recently.

This is what he had to say at the Schoolboys' Own Exhibition, Westminster, on:

MONEY: "A lot of people pretend that they do not care about it. Believe me, that is 'all my eye'."

"Money is very important, and the older you get the more important it becomes."

"Money does not make you happy. We are always being told. But it enables you to be miserable in comfort."

## NEVER ENOUGH

Fame: "If you want to be famous you must not go into the Civil Service, and you had probably better not go into an office at all."

"There is one drawback to fame—you never think you have got enough."

"This applies to people like film stars and football players. However beautiful the film star, however many goals you score, there is always somebody who is more beautiful, and somebody who gets more goals."

"But, if you are prepared to be discontented, then fame is quite a good thing to want from your career."

WOMEN: "One day, when you grow up, you will meet another kind of creature called 'women'."

"They are not so mysterious as they were. When I was a boy they were so covered up that I thought all women were solid down to the ankles, where they branched out into a pair of feet."

"You will almost certainly marry one of them, and what you will find is that she will not approve of you being an adventurer, pioneer or experimenter, because the income is precarious, and she will want to know who is going to look after the feeding of herself and the babies."

## HAPPINESS

"The happiest class of men are gardeners. They really like mucking about in the garden, and in these days they get paid highly for it."

"Others are chaps who know about machines, motor-bikes and motor-cars, aeroplanes and that sort of thing."

## STORM OVER FRANCO SHIP IN BRITAIN

First Fascist ship to sail up the Manchester Ship Canal since 1939—the 3,640-ton Franco steamship, Mar Rojo, of Bilbao—tied up at the Lancashire Steel Corporation berth at Irlam, Lanes. She brought a cargo of Spanish iron ore.

At a meeting that night of the Irlam and Cadishead Trades Council—which represents all trade unions in the area—there was a stormy protest.

Mr F. Williams, National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers, asked if representatives of other unions could explain why a Fascist flag was now flying in the district.

Mr E. Mullaney, Transport and General Workers' Union, replied: "When our union meets, in a few days' time, we will discuss the possibility of refusing to pass the vessel back through the locks to the open sea. None of our men is unloading."

The Trades Council instructed the secretary to convey the feeling of the meeting to the T. U. C.

## VIGNETTES OF LIFE

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## Every Other Ship Is Built By Britain

British shipyard workers are breaking output and speed records to replace the 19,000,000 tons of British and Allied shipping destroyed in the war.

Not only are yards rebuilding the British Merchant Navy—they are coping with an ever-increasing flood of orders from overseas owners.

Ships on British stocks at the end of December, according to Lloyd's Register figures, represented 1,937,032 gross tons, 52.7 per cent. of the world total and our highest figure since 1923.

America, Britain's nearest rival, is building only a little over one-sixth of the tonnage figure achieved by fewer than 250,000 British workers.

Not only are more ships being built in British yards, but they are being launched at a faster rate than anywhere else in the world.

In the last three months of 1946, ships totalling 267,700 tons left the

slipways compared with 254,220 tons launched abroad.

Six Times U.S.

From shipbuilding centres came these proofs that last year's great feat of shipbuilding is likely to be exceeded in 1947.

CLYDE yards are working on 144 ships with an aggregate tonnage of 630,000—equivalent to one and a half pre-war years, plus much repair work and overhauls.

WEAR orders total 500,000 tons. MERSEY shipyards have 40,000 men on building and repairing.

BELFAST has 20,000 men working all out on ships from 25,000 ton liners down to tugs and is turning away orders.

Most of the tonnage is medium-sized cargo vessels and tankers.

After Britain, leading countries are America, 320,703 tons; Sweden, 248,205 tons; France, 196,451 tons; and Holland, 196,339 tons.

## DAB & FLOUNDER

by WALTER



## CHILDREN'S COLUMN

By Uncle Peter

SPRING is here, and we shall have a long spell of sunny days. There will be every opportunity for you to observe how plants, birds, animals and insects behave during the change of season. Everything comes to life again.

Very interesting to observe is how the green leaves make most of every ray of sunshine. Have you ever noticed how leaves spread themselves out so that they do not overshadow their neighbours too much, and so keep them from doing their work?

Look at the Ivy, or a Virginia Creeper, growing on a wall, and you will see how carefully the leaves arrange themselves so that each one may have its fair share of light and air.

Notice, too, the different shapes of the leaves. Pick a leaf from every tree and plant you see when you are out for a walk in the country, and you will not find two exactly alike. There are large leaves and small leaves; some are round, others oval, heart-shaped, star-shaped, or cut out into all sorts of patterns. Some are like broad ribbons, others long, narrow and pointed like swords or fine and sharp as needles. Some leaves have smooth edges, others are scalloped, jagged, or cut into fingers or fringes—there really seems no end to all the different kinds of leaves we find growing on the plants in the fields and lanes and woodlands.

Now it is not just by chance that leaves are so different one from another. Every plant has leaves that, by their shape, can best catch the sun's rays.

## Rupert & the New Pal—16



Creeping with every care, Rupert and Bill edged their way up the slope until they reached the brow. Then they peeped gingerly through the grass at the top. "Can you see anything of the black cat?" breathes Bill. "Nothing at all," whispers Rupert. "He must have run on ahead." Rinsing round, but there is no sign of the cat anywhere. "Well, this is the limit!" says Rupert. "We were only a few feet behind him—and now he's vanished!"

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW

ANSWERS

(Questions on Page 9)

- John Keats.
- A general name for the regions adjoining the shore of the east Mediterranean, i.e. the coastlands of Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Amnolia and Greece.
- For its leper colony.
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.
- In temperate and moderately cold climates.
- The Duke of Windsor, who acquired the title when his father King George V ascended the throne.
- A small two-masted boat.
- One of a chain of islands which separate the lagoon of Venice, Italy, from the Adriatic.
- Dutch.
- Platinum, palladium, iridium, rhodium, ruthenium and osmium.
- The Chinese, who piped natural gas in bamboo tubes from salt mines.
- China.

## The cow ate the clothes line

I WAS spreading dung over the root ground about three furlongs from the house, when I heard a scream.

It was my wife. I dropped my prong and ran back home. As I got nearer I could hear her calling "Jan, Jan."

She was standing by the gate wiping her tears with the corner of her apron. I began to prepare to sympathise for the loss of a relative.

"Not one left!" she exclaimed.

FOR a moment I thought of all my in-laws laid with one blow by a plague—for her grief could not have been more painful.

"All gone?" I queried.

"Not even an old one left."

"What about your sister?"

"Hers don't fit me...."

I withdrew my sympathy and began to disentangle our cross-purposes.

"What exactly have you lost?" "Come and see," she replied, and led me off to the orchard. "Not one pair left," she cried. Slowly I remembered that as I had gone off to work I had seen her standing in the orchard hanging her new silk stockings on the line. A cousin had sent her some pairs from America.

This waste of tears amused me.

"What are you grinning about? All your shirts have gone, too!"

This was indeed no laughing matter. Apparently, my wife had done the washing early in the morning and hung it out to dry. During the late afternoon she had gone to fetch clothes in—to find the entire line missing. Three of my shirts, two pairs of my pyjamas, my socks and my vests, not to mention most of my wife's underclothes, and the precious stockings.

They couldn't have blown away. There was no wind. It was plainly a case for the police. So without waiting for tea, I went up to phone the constable, who said he would get on his bicycle immediately and come and inspect the orchard, though what good that would do I couldn't understand.

THEN I got the cows in, fed them. I had my tea and went back to the shippon to milk. I was sitting by the side of a heifer, and my wife was milking an old cow which I'd bought in cheaply for a drop of extra winter milk, when suddenly I noticed that the cow's tongue was hanging out in an odd fashion.

"What's wrong with that beast's mouth?" I called, wondering whether it had been bitten by a snake.

We both got up to have a look. I took hold of the cow's tongue. It was strangely thin. We examined it. I held a silk stocking in my hand. I pulled the "tongue." The entire silk stocking appeared—not even laddered. But it would not come free. Surely there wasn't another one behind it?

I yanked open the cow's mouth. There was a clothes-peg holding the stocking and a rope disappearing down the beast's throat. Surely not? Surely the whole clothes-line couldn't be in the cow's belly? But a glance at her stomach told us it was so.

Nor did she suffer any apparent discomfort, but stood there with the stocking hanging out of her mouth, with no comment but an occasional hiccup.

At that moment the sergeant arrived. Nor would he believe it, till we showed him. "It's a vet, you need," he advised and promised to phone for us. Laughing his sides out the old fellow dragged himself up the hill pushing his bike.

My wife finished milking the offending cow. I stood by holding it off her in case it should

fall dead any moment. But far from it. When the vet, arrived about three hours later, the cow was quite happily digesting my shirts and my pyjamas. I told him the story. To my surprise he believed it. In fact, he immediately capped our experience and reminded me that a cow's stomach has room for 40-60 gallons of water.

"That isn't very helpful," was my wife's remark.



MISS TAYLOR CALDWELL'S novel, *This Side of Innocence* (Collins, 10s. 6d.) may not crack, but it rumbles most confidently—as if someone were moving heavy Victorian furniture in a large house. A house, let us say, Hilltop, at Riversend, New York, where Jerome Lindsey travelled on a night of fearful storm to prevent the marriage of his cousin and half-brother, Alfred, to the lovely, low-born adventuress, Amalie Maxwell.

And, in fact, Miss Caldwell has furnished her premises with pieces of immense weight and solidity from the emporium of Victorian fiction. Grieving passion, frustrated love, blazing hatred, searing remorse, all are conceived on the largest scale.

But Miss Caldwell is a competent, if painstaking, novelist. Her story may be a little too much of a muscle-bound, but it has power. The characters may be introduced as conventional types, they may experience none but the most stately, even if deplorable, of emotions, they may talk in a high-toned manner that is daunting, when it is not downright funny—but they develop. They take possession of their own lives.

JEROME did not prevent Alfred's marriage to Amalie, that brazenly beautiful creature. He tried hard, first with the aid and then against the opposition of his sister Dorothy, grimaces of thwarted splinters.

But Amalie had her way. And Jerome, to everybody's surprise, gave up his rascally life in New York and went into the family bank at Riversend. For he had fallen madly in love with his cousin's wife. What is more, he won her. Riversend was rent by scandal—by divorce (surely one of the speediest on record), and a new marriage.

But, although this may be regarded as the climax of the novel it is by no means its conclusion. For Miss Caldwell, there are latencies in her people, hardly noticed in the earlier stages of the story, which must still be worked out.

ALFRED, who at first appears a sanctimonious stick, a poor foil for the versatile Jerome, discloses unsuspected qualities of strength

"It's a question of what is worth more, the cow or the clothes," the vet replied.

We worked it out. The cow was worth £20 and would probably die anyhow; the clothes were worth that at least, plus the coupons, and the vet promised us they would be all right if we decided to operate immediately.

I followed him into the shippon. The cow was despatched to her ancestors, and out of her came forth the entire clothes-line, with even the pegs still attached.

The moral of which story is somewhat obscure. Perhaps it is a note to the Minister on his false economy on feeding stuffs.

—"JAN."

## Miss Caldwell moves the furniture —regardless of expense

by GEORGE  
MALCOLM  
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and fineness. And Jerome, the charming if vicious hero of the main action, now reveals the darker side of his nature. Miss Caldwell, who has never approved of this character, takes ample revenge on him.

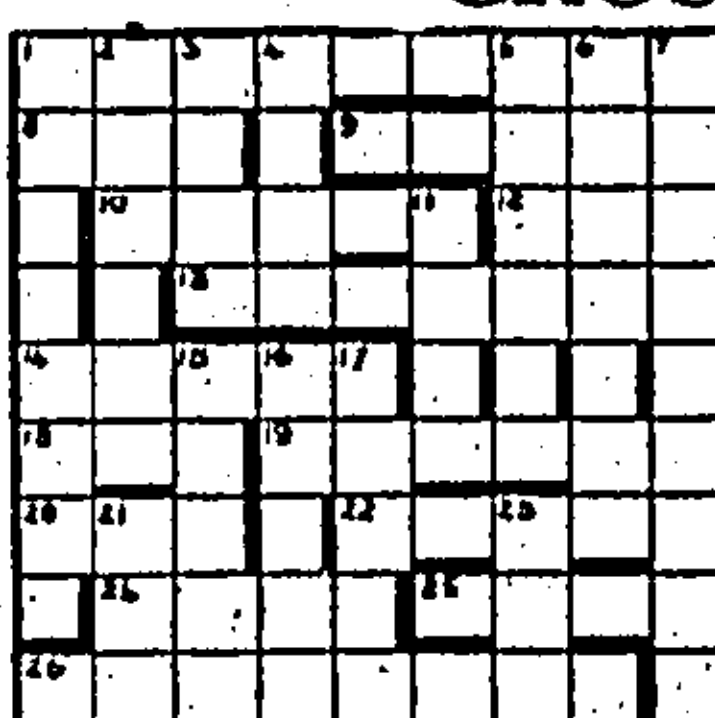
These developments occur when Philip, the hunchback son of Alfred, by his first marriage, meets and falls in love with Mary, the daughter of Amalie and Jerome. Jerome behaves abominably.

To this leisurely tale, Miss Caldwell brings a steady flow of invention and a plentiful absence of humour.

ALTHOUGH most of the stories in Louis Bromfield's new collection, *The World We Live In* (Cassell, 10s. 6d.) rise scarcely above the level of commercial art, two display not only the technical skill but also the genuine creative gifts of this writer.

In Death of Monte Carlo, he flexes upon the time when an old and disreputable order came toppling down. France was about to fall; Italy's rulers were screwing up their courage, or screwing down their conscience, to strike a dishonourable blow.

## CROSSWORD



Across  
1 and 7. He is definitely on trial (10)  
2. (Nature of) listening. (3)  
3. Town of five letters that sounds like two. (5)  
4. Caused by an unruly mob. (5)  
5. It can be ordered as a punishment. (3)  
6. A's chief moves when eating it. (7)  
7. Down  
8. Upon which many women are placed only to fail. (8)  
9. Try air for a change. (5)  
10. The rainbow. (7)  
11. Used musically. (4)  
12. Scrape differently. (4)  
13. Stretches out to touch. (7)  
14. See 1 Across. (11)  
15. Break. (4)  
16. The eagle's nest. (10)  
17. Times have changed seemingly. (5)  
18. Bated if you eat too many of these. (8)  
19. With the king about it can be murder. (3)  
20. Speed. (3)  
21. Solution of yesterday's puzzle. Across  
1. Endurance. (10)  
2. Endless. (10)  
3. Endless. (10)  
4. Endless. (10)  
5. Endless. (10)  
6. Endless. (10)  
7. Endless. (10)  
8. Endless. (10)  
9. Endless. (10)  
10. Endless. (10)

## Jests And Jeers

The wolf at the door has probably called to take the young lady out to dinner.

Some women like the man with a past, but the majority prefer the man with a present.

Drunkenness is passing out, says a doctor. So many a man has discovered it.

"Have you run out of razor blades?"  
"Why, yes, how did you know?"  
"A little beard told me."

Many a girl has acquired first-hand knowledge in a second-hand car.

The most frequently defective part of a motor car is the nut that holds the wheel.

An RAF pilot, who made a forced landing in Belgium, was rescued by a man who took him to a convent. Here he was handed a nun's outfit and was counselled: "Lie low. Say nothing. Be as inconspicuous as possible. Sooner or later we will find a way to get you back to England."

For eight weeks the pilot spoke to no one. He shaved eight times a day, and was everything a model convent habitué should be.

One evening, however, he spied a beautiful sister alone in the pantry, and with an irresistible impulse swept her into his arms, only to receive a terrific sock on the jaw.

"Old yer' urses, can't yer?" said a masculine voice. "I've been 'ere myself since Dunkirk."

It was the twilight—let us hope, the final twilight—of the International White Trash—by which name Mrs Pulsifer denoted the gilded raff of de luxe hotels and Riviera resorts.

Mrs Pulsifer, rich and above reproach, knew that Trash, and despised it heartily. Leaving Paris at the last possible moment, she made for Monte Carlo with her devoted chauffeur Emery.

Meanwhile, in Venice, the Princess d'Orbelli, a great lady among the said Trash, was parked from her lover and worse, from her jewels. Most pitiful of all, she had to flee, with her hated, hateful, that is to say poor, people, suddenly grown insolent. She reached Monte Carlo a little before Mrs Pulsifer.

Serafina, the Princess's maid, went to Rome to fetch the jewels. The story tells how they were at last brought over the frontier, of the part played by Emery, that sterling character, of what happened, dreadfully, to Serafina and how the Princess remained, to the last, International White Trash.

A bitter, dramatic trifle.

UP Ferguson Way is on an altogether higher level of art and feeling. It bears the impress of truth and is winged with magic. Bromfield has been deeply moved.

Zenobia Ferguson, who fills the whole of this canvas, was an old woman, of partly Indian blood, who had loved passionately and, by accident, killed her lover. She had then gone a little bit queer, and lived by herself up Ferguson Way, with the birds and the beasts who were her friends. There Bromfield visited her as a boy. His visit is the story.

It is worth while being an accomplished writer to be able, once in a while, to make an enchantment like this.

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## NEWS IN



**CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF** of the Royal Air Force, Air Vice Marshal the Rev J. A. Jagoe (right) being welcomed to Hong-kong on his arrival recently by Group Captain E. A. Jones, Station Commander, Kaitak. The Air Vice Marshal is on a tour of Far East RAF centres.



**THE WEDDING** took place recently at St Margaret's Church between Miss Olga Heliadora Chaves and Mr Cecil John Keen. The newlyweds and their attendants after the ceremony.

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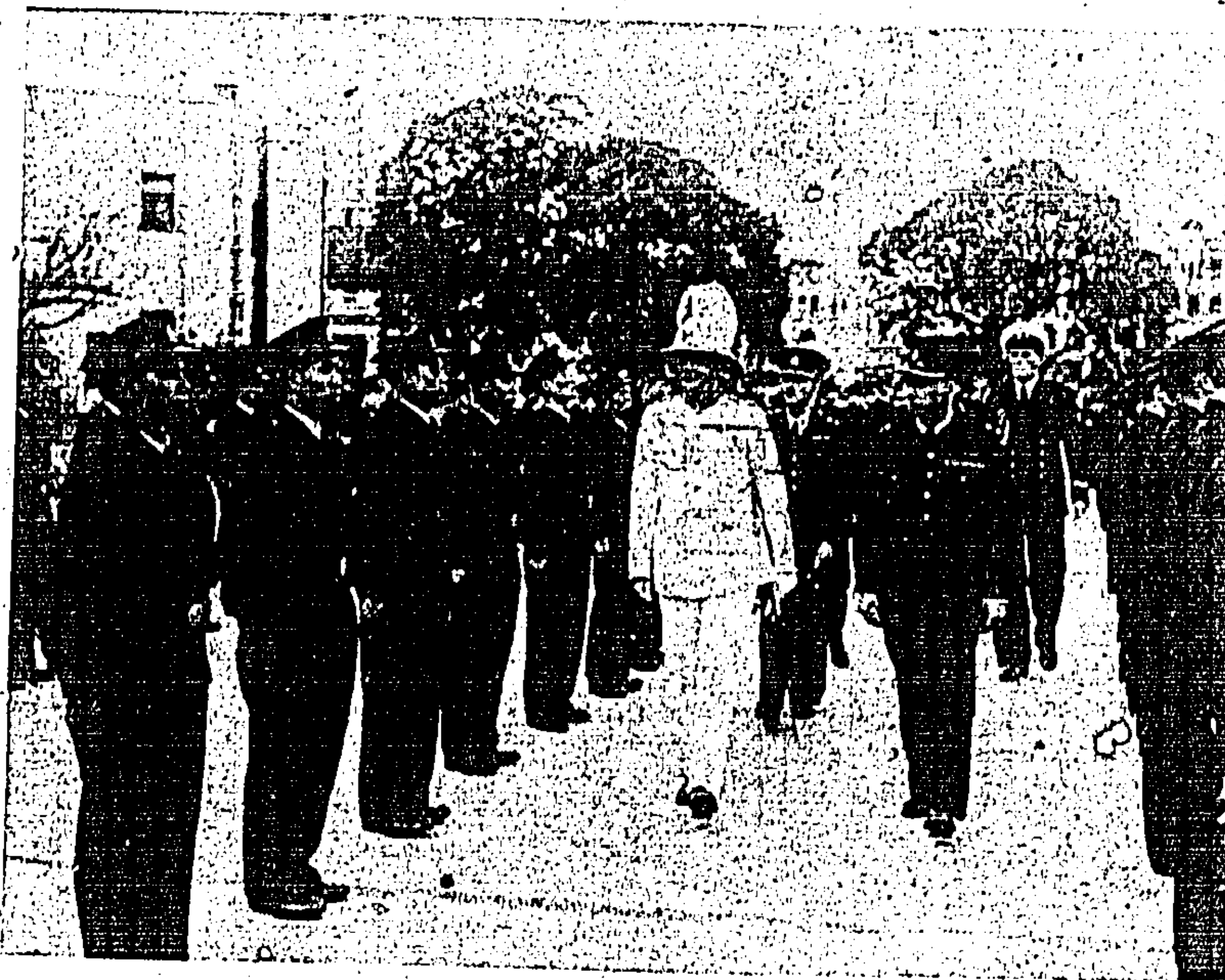
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**MIDWEEK CATHEDRAL WEDDING**—One of the most charming brides of the season, Miss Heather Dore Gillospio, was married at St John's Cathedral on Wednesday to Capt Anthony Warwick Cory Pearn, Royal Marines. The bride is the older daughter of the Hon Mr and Mrs R. D. Gillospio. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



**POLICE RESERVE INSPECTION**—HE the Governor, Sir Mark Young, inspected the newly-revived Hongkong Police Reserve on Tuesday. Mr Tso Tsun-on, Senior Superintendent (Reserve) at right. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



**MARRIED 26 YEARS**—Mr and Mrs L. R. Brown, who have been married 26 years, gave a party at the Gloucester Hotel last week to celebrate the event. Here they are pictured with some of their children. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



**BADMINTON** champions of the Club de Recreio photographed after the recent prize distribution and dance. (Photo: Ming Yuen)

## PICTURES

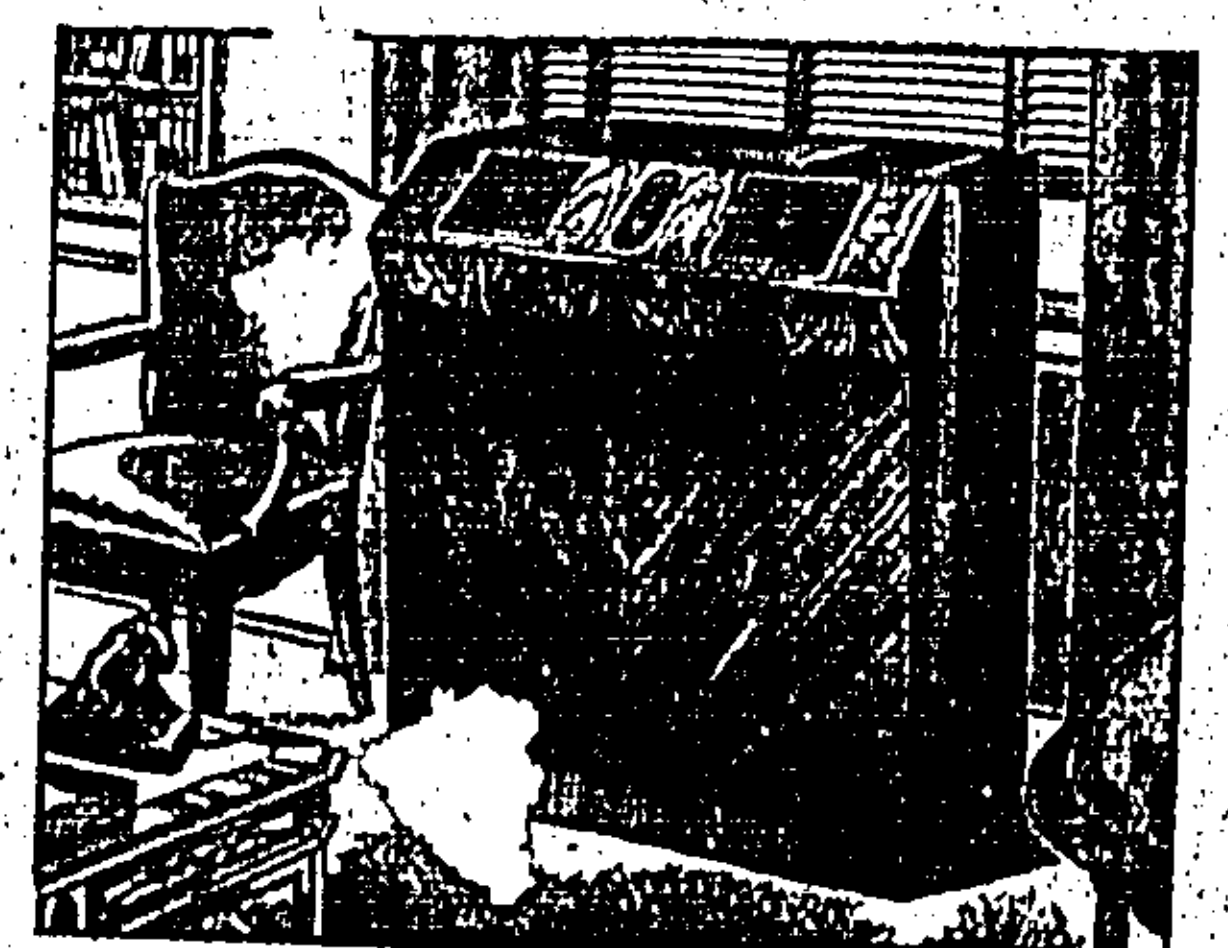


**PRESSMAN MARRIED**—Mr Lai Yuo-wing, popular Chinese sports reporter, and his bride, Miss Pang Sui ying. Their wedding took place recently at the Gloucester Hotel. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



**SUNDAY LAUNCHING**—A few of those who attended last Sunday's launching of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd's new 36-foot cabin cruiser, "Stork." Right to left:—Mr C. E. Terry, manager of the Company, Mr A. N. MacKenzie, Mrs Terry and Mr Chan Tit-wo.

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## Young Girl's Suicide

Paris, Mar. 28.  
The body of a 16-year-old school girl has been recovered from the River Seine in the Paris suburbs. A note left on the river bank said: "I am going to drown myself because I have committed a grave fault."  
The headmistress of the girl's school said that the girl had hidden the quarter-report containing marks for her class and was afraid to own up when an inquiry was made.—Reuter.

## Mountbatten Summons Conference

New Delhi, Mar. 28.  
Rear-Admiral Lord Mountbatten, Viceroy of India, today invited the governors of all provinces of British India to a conference here in the middle of April.

The Viceroy a few days ago invited Gandhi and Mohammed Ali Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, to informal talks with him. Jinnah has accepted the invitation and is expected here early in April. It is not yet known whether Gandhi is accepting.

Gandhi told an audience at a village in Bihar Province last night that the Viceroy's first speech as Viceroy—which he referred to as "a new beginning"—was a "deliberate, unconditional and unequivocal pronouncement."

Referring to the "madness that had swept over the land," Gandhi said that he hoped the people would have "wisdom enough not to tempt the Viceroy to eat his own words."—Reuter.

## U.N. Assembly And Palestine

Lake Success, N.Y., Mar. 28.  
The State Department has informed the British Government that it sees no objection to holding special sessions of the United Nations General Assembly to discuss Palestine. It was authoritatively learned here to-day.

The note, reported to have been delivered last night to the British Embassy, has not yet been officially published, but it is understood that it contains United States approval.

After consultation with the United Nations, Sir Alexander Cadogan, who it is presumed, made a formal request to the United Nations for holding a special Assembly.

In the required majority of two-thirds of the United Nations agree, a special session could be held about the end of April.—Reuter.

## ITALIANS RIOT

Bari, Italy, Mar. 28.  
Unemployed Italians rioted at Gioia Del Colle, 60 miles south of Bari, set fire to three buildings and proclaimed a general strike to-day. Early reports said some persons were killed and many injured.

The rioters cut communications and blocked roads around Gioia Del Colle.

Special squads of police were dispatched in armoured cars from Bari. The Chamber of Labour Office, also headquarters of the Farmers' Organisation and office of the Common Man Party, were set on fire. The trouble stemmed from an order to the farmers either to give jobs to the unemployed or face confiscation of their land.—United Press.

## Plea For Imperial Preference

London, Mar. 28.  
The Council of British Empire Producers to-day sent to the President of the Board of Trade a resolution calling on the United Kingdom and Dominion governments not to sacrifice "proved benefit of Empire preference in exchange for benefits which may well prove transitory, if not illusory."

The political pressure exerted by American manufacturers and producers, the resolution alleged, could at any time undermine the "adequate concessions" asked from other countries in exchange for modifications in Empire preferences.—Reuter.

## Italy And Ethiopia

Rome, Mar. 28.  
A Foreign Office spokesman said to-day that Italy hoped soon to resume diplomatic and consular relations with Ethiopia, especially for the benefit of 7,000 Italians still living in the latter country.—United Press.

## Holiday For Pope

Vatican City, Mar. 28.  
An authoritative Vatican source said to-day that Pope Pius may leave to depart late to-morrow for his summer residence of Castel Gandolfo, 30 kilometres south of Rome.  
The source said the Pontiff was expected to depart late to-morrow afternoon "if the weather continues to be as excellent as it was to-day."—United Press.

## MARSHALL NOT SEEKING TALK WITH STALIN

Moscow, Mar. 28.  
General Marshall is playing "hard to get" with Generalissimo Stalin. At the end of the third week of his stay in Moscow, the U.S. Secretary of State has made no overtures for a talk with Stalin, and his advisors insist that he has no plans now to take such initiative.  
Likewise, he has held no private talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, although he has conferred outside the Council several times with Mr. Ernest Bevin and M. Georges Bidault.

## MERCHANT MARINE OF THE AIR

Washington, Mar. 28.  
Chairman Charles Wolverton of the House of Representatives Inter-State and Foreign Commerce Committee to-day introduced a bill to create a "merchant marine of the air."

He said "government-owned foreign airlines, monopolies and cartels show real strength on trans-oceanic air routes" and that his plan "seeks to put United States strength behind American aviation."

He said hearings would begin about April 21.

Senator Wallace White introduced a similar measure in the Senate. Senator White said: "We already face competition of government-controlled and low wage and cost airline monopolies from such countries as England, France, the Netherlands and the Scandinavian countries. The time cannot be far off when Russia will bring to the international air transport field her special form of government domination."—United Press.

## Would Bayonet Helpless Baby

Singapore, Mar. 28.  
Lieutenant-General Numata, Chief of Staff to the late Count Terachi, continuing his evidence at the afternoon session of the Chinese massacre trial today, gave further details of the Japanese Army code.

He stated that "a poor nation" like Japan was dependent on the implicit obedience of her soldiers for success in war.

He quoted "suicide planes, human torpedoes and human bullets" as working examples of the Japanese code of absolute obedience.

In answer to a question by the prosecution, Numata said that if he was ordered by a superior officer to bayonet a helpless baby, he would do so without hesitation.—Reuter.

## DIPLOMAT TO WED IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Mar. 28.  
The engagement and forthcoming marriage on April 12 between Mr. Rafael H. Fernandez, Argentine Charge d'Affaires, and Miss Marie de Lottinville, daughter of Count and Countess Milankovska of Augustow, Poland, was announced to-day.

The engagement was announced at a cocktail party in Mr. Fernandez's residence.

The marriage will be solemnised by Bishop Paul Yu-pin.—United Press.

## Spanish Tension

London, Mar. 28.  
The Times Madrid correspondent, commenting on recent terrorist incidents in Spain, said to-day: "The frequency of such incidents and the increase of guerrilla activity throughout the country are tending to create a general state of tension which reminds many observers of the months of brewing trouble before the civil war."—United Press.

## GERMANS DEMONSTRATE

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march through the city. At one stage, the crowd closed on the British correspondents and photographers standing on the roof of the main station, but moved away without violence after jeering. Later, stones were thrown at the car as it moved slowly through the crowd.

Fritz Stahl, Chairman of the Dusseldorf Trade Unions Joint Committee, told the crowd through loud-speakers in the park that the unions would not rest until "the present catastrophe" had been overcome and the conscience of the world had been aroused.

Chairs greeted the statement of one speaker that "we will demand until we get more food."

## POLICE STANDING BY

A British safety officer said that extra police were standing by but he declined to say whether British troops were being mobilised. British military policemen appeared in the centre of Dusseldorf for the first time since the hunger demonstration began and a light armoured car was seen in the suburbs. Hunger demonstrators to-day turned the occupants out of a British Military Government car and threw the car into a lake.

The demonstrators in Dusseldorf and other centres of the Ruhr are described in a statement issued by

Marshall's advisers here, especially those at the Embassy, have been opposed to his seeking an audience with Stalin up to now, and some of them think Bevin made a tactical error in asking to see Stalin. It is learned that Stalin, in his talk with Bevin, offered Soviet economic help to the British during their current crisis.

The American view is that Stalin thus was able to put Bevin on the defensive immediately and in the embarrassing position of having to accept or reject the offer of the Soviet's helping hand.

Marshall expects to see Stalin before leaving Moscow, but it is understood that he has been anxious to keep President Truman's new policy divorced from the discussions here. It is also believed that he would like to hold off the Stalin meeting until after the Council discusses the United States proposal for a four-power disarmament treaty for Germany so that if the Soviet object again he can take the matter up with their top man.

Former Secretary of State Byrnes contended that Stalin had agreed in principle to such a treaty although Molotov always rejected it subsequently. In the Council itself Marshall continues his calm but firm yet cautious attitude which leaves most delegates, including Americans, with the feeling of not knowing the man.

United Press.

## Weapons Cache Trial Opens

Helsinki, Mar. 28.  
Twenty-two high-ranking Finnish Army officers, including two generals, to-day heard themselves charged with planning guerrilla war against Soviet Russia after the armistice was signed, when the long-delayed "weapons cache" trial opened here to-day.

The prosecution said that early in 1945, the Allied Control Commission queried the Finnish General Staff about caches. As a result, by October 1945 more than 1,300 arms dumps were discovered and numerous arrests made.—United Press.

## All Set For Eclipse

Accra, Gold Coast, Mar. 28.  
A Finnish solar eclipse expedition is expected here to-day towards the middle of April. It will go to Kpong, 45 miles northwest of Accra, which is known as the vantage point and where it is expected that other observers will join the expedition.

The eclipse will take place on May 20 and will be visible on a line roughly from Santiago in Chile to Kenya.

Four British scientists are going to Brazil and 13 United States scientists with two flying fortresses and ten tons of special equipment are also going there on April 1.—Reuter.

## More U.S. Holidays Likely

Washington, Mar. 28.  
A House of Representatives judicial subcommittee is considering proposals to create four more legal holidays including August 14—the anniversary of Japan's unconditional surrender.—Associated Press.

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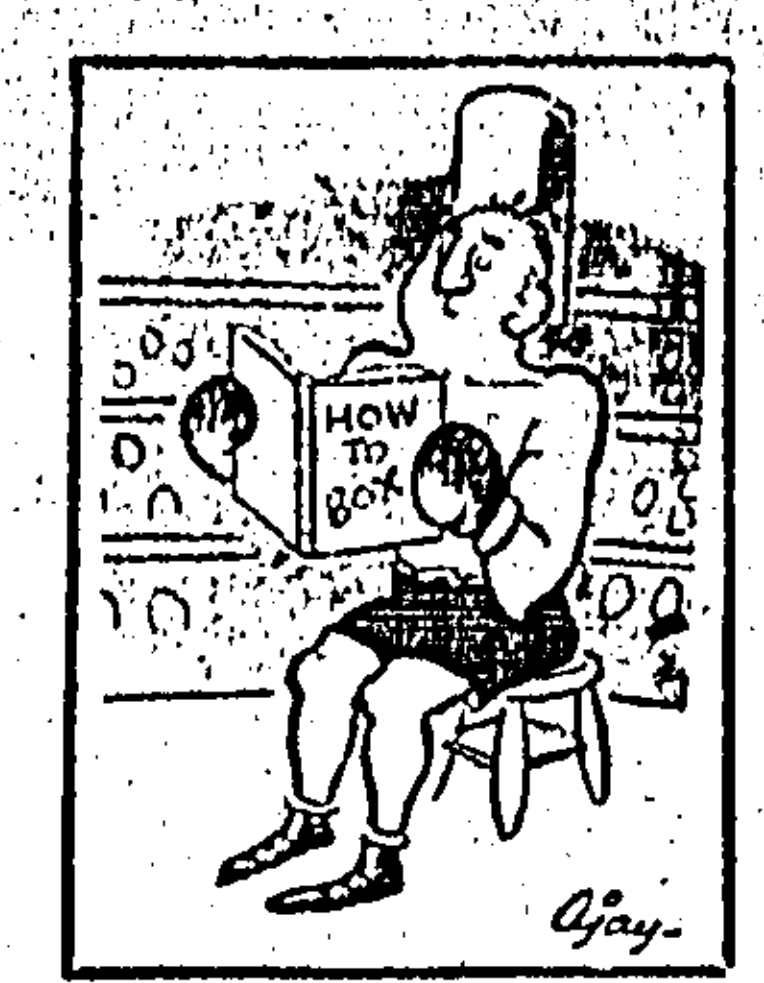
the London Control Office for Germany and Austria as "all orderly." The statement says: "From the early hours of this morning, long columns marched in an orderly fashion through the streets of Dusseldorf to take part in a mass demonstration in Holstenpark."

"Banners were carried protesting against food shortages and at 9.30 a.m. it looked as if the whole population of Dusseldorf was moving in one direction. Even at that hour tens of thousands of people were jammed in Hofgarten and some had been there for several hours."

SIMILAR TO ESSEN  
Trams were not running but essential services such as gas, electricity, water and telephones were still in operation. Schools, shops and factories were closed.

This demonstration in Dusseldorf coincides with a similar one in Essen this morning, and follows a number of stoppages and demonstrations in various towns of the Ruhr. Demonstrations and stoppages of work are also taking place to-day in Witten, affecting between 2,000 and 3,000 people. In Cologne yesterday 5,000 workers stopped work. At Osnabruck, 5,000 building workers ceased work as a protest against the lack of bread. All demonstrations have been orderly, the statement concluded.—Reuter.

## POCKET CARTOON



## Argument In Balkans Commission

Sofia, Mar. 27 (delayed).  
The United States and Soviet delegates on the United Nations Commission investigating the Balkans squared off in a heated three-hour debate to-day over the American proposal that the Greek charges of Bulgarian and Yugoslav support for an autonomous Macedonian government be investigated.

The Soviet delegate, M. Lavrishev, accused the United States delegate, Mr. Mark Ethridge, of trying to "whitewash the Greek government."

Mr. Ethridge in return said: "I am not willing to close my mind to the idea that other governments also have been responsible for the Greek situation."

An argument broke out when Mr. Ethridge requested the Bulgarian and Yugoslav leaders to officers to make a specific answer to the Greek charges that their governments were supporting a movement in Greece in an attempt to acquire a province for themselves.—United Press.

## JAP GOVT. TOLD DUTIES

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Integrated series of economic and financial controls "which the current situation demands."

"These economic objectives are national in scope, transcending the special interests of any group and, therefore, should be non-partisan," Gen. MacArthur said. "Unless determined measures are undertaken at once by the Japanese Government, the inflationary condition of the economy, together with its attendant maldistribution of food and other necessities, will become increasingly serious. Industrial recovery will be retarded and achievement of social and political objectives jeopardized which the Japanese people have made such encouraging start will be endangered."

## OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below.

Saturday, March 29  
Airmail: Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Sourabaya, Sydney, Auckland, Canton, Kowloon, Chungking, 3.30 p.m.  
Seamail: Rangoon, 4 p.m.  
USA, Central and South America, Canada (via San Francisco), 3 p.m.  
Macassar, Surabaya, Batavia, 4 p.m.  
Ceylon, East and South Africa, 4 p.m.  
Macao, Tientsin, Shekai, 4 p.m.  
Tiankong, 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 30  
Airmail: Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Sydney, Auckland, London, Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Luchow, Kowloon, 10 a.m.  
Seamail: Rangoon, 10 a.m.  
USA, Central and South America, Canada (via San Francisco), 10 a.m.  
Macassar, Surabaya, Batavia, 4 p.m.  
Ceylon, East and South Africa, 4 p.m.  
Macao, Tientsin, Shekai, 4 p.m.  
Tiankong, 4 p.m.

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## NOTICE

War Crimes desires to get in touch with Mr. J. MacDONALD, formerly of 319 Leichok Road, Kowloon. The above-mentioned is believed to have been a member of the Royal Scots Regiment and was, during the war years, interned in Camps 19D, Tokyo, and 2B, Kawasaki, Japan.

Will anyone having knowledge of the whereabouts of Mr. J. MacDONALD kindly communicate with Lt. C. G. Brett, War Crimes Investigation Unit, Hong Kong, Telephone No. 24045.

## PETITION FOR DOV GRUNER

Jerusalem, Mar. 28.  
Tel-Aviv, the world's largest all-Jewish city, approved the filing of a petition in the Jerusalem High Court on behalf of Dov Ben-Gruner who was convicted and sentenced for anti-British violence in Palestine.  
The new petition, which Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel-Aviv agreed to sign, will attack the legality of the military court procedure under which Gruner was sentenced.—Associated Press.

## Deputies Turn Italian Assembly Into Bedlam

Rome, Mar. 28.  
Screaming, cursing deputies of the Constituent Assembly staged a near brawl today when rightists charged again that the Italian Communists were spreading political violence throughout the country in a systematic campaign of disorder.

The Assembly Vice-President, Giovanni Conti (Republican), lost control of the stormy meeting when Rightist and Leftist deputies rose to their feet, hurling invective at each other while two angry members almost came to blows.

The uproar began when the Interior Minister, Mario Scelba, (Christian Democrat), answered four questions concerning political violence. The deputies demanded a government statement on the attacks for continued provocation of the fight between the Communists and the Uomo Qualunquiste, and alleged Leftist disorders aimed at disrupting the Sicilian elections.

Liberal Perrone Capone, who demanded an explanation of the attack on the monarchist meeting in Rome, charged that the recent political battles were "premeditated and systematic."

Independent Alfredo Covelli charged that political violence was systematically conducted in Sicily for the purpose of provocation of the Communists against the Monarchists and shouted to the government bench: "We must warn the government that unless they take

measures to avoid in an unequivocal manner these aggressions and violence which show themselves with systematic regularity, we will be constrained to intervene directly to defend ourselves."

Heated Exchange  
Covelli charged that the Sicilian events showed "preparation on the part of the Communists for an electoral battle" and said the "Monarchist party was not disposed to submit to violence." This statement brought the Leftists to their feet shouting wildly against the speaker.

Order was restored after several minutes, but when Covelli engaged in a heated exchange with Scelba, charging that the police had failed to take steps to avoid political incidents, all the deputies left their seats to turn the meeting into turmoil.

Communist Raffaele Pastore rushed at Covelli, but was seized and held by Independent Luigi Filippo Bendettini, while Covelli was persuaded to return to his side of the Chamber.

Scelba provoked another outburst when he closed the debate by saying: "Provocations do not come only from the elements of the Left. Qualunquiste demonstrations have taken place in Sicily to cry of 'hip, hip, alala!'"

Scelba said: "The government is determined to intervene, but provocations from all sides must cease. The electoral fight must be carried out without grave incidents, and the government is determined to guarantee fundamental liberties and will carry out its action to suppress any attempt against these liberties."—United Press.

## LEND-LEASE VESSELS RETURNED

Washington, Mar. 28.

The Navy Department said to-day that Britain, Mexico and Panama are the only countries to return any of the 4,802 naval vessels lend-leased during the war.

Russia and France are the two countries with the heaviest outstanding loans, while 10 others still retain United States craft.

The Department said that as of February 1, 2,216 units had been returned, 643 were lost during the war and 1,143 were returned "prior to termination of World War 2."

Britain received 3,663 units in all, including 37 escort carriers and 70 destroyer escorts. Two carriers were sunk and 35 returned. Seven destroyer escorts were sunk, 70 returned and one is still retained. In all, Britain lost 635 lend-lease craft, returned 2,207 and still owes 814.

Mexico received and returned seven units and Panama two. Russia leased 580 small vessels, and as of February 1 had returned none.

The Navy said three PT boats leased by Russia were sunk. France leased 247 vessels, lost four and returned none. China got 93, Brazil 66, Greece 33 and the Netherlands 23, none of which has been returned. Other outstanding ships include Norway 10, Yugoslavia 8 and Latin American countries 71.—United Press.

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## British Legion

Having received the necessary authority from headquarters, it is now possible to re-start the local branch of the British Legion, and all ex-active Service men and women of the two Wars are cordially invited to attend at a meeting to be held at the Canteen, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 31st March to elect Officers.

E. J. R. Mitchell, Former Committee Member.

## INTER-ASIAN CONFERENCE IMPORTANCE

New York, Mar. 28.

The New York Times, in an editorial, to-day commented on the potentialities of the Inter-Asian Conference at present being held in New Delhi, and sounded a warning that it would do well for the Western world to watch its progress.

The editorial said: "The Western world will do well to watch carefully the progress of the Inter-Asian Conference which is convened in New Delhi at the call of Jawaharlal Nehru, All-India Congress leader in the Interim Government of India."

"Attending this meeting are representatives of over one-half of the world's people, largely brown and black. This half of the world's population is increasing by millions every year. Probably not even Mr. Nehru has hopes for any concrete accomplishments by the conference. But if it gives the representatives a sense of geographical unity, it may have large potentialities."

"In Asia there is only a thin layer of educated men. Sell them an idea and you will have influenced the thinking of a continent."—United Press.

## CUP SEMI-FINALS

London, Mar. 28.  
The F. A. Cup semi-finals between Newcastle and Charlton at Leeds and Liverpool and Burnley at Blackburn, hold pride of place in to-morrow's football programme.

In each case a First Division side opposes a Second League rival, but Newcastle and Burnley have shown themselves to be such formidable sides that an all Second Division final for the first time in history is a possibility.—Reuter.

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